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GOVERNMENT SEIZES NATION'S RAILROADS

British State Freedom For India Is Due

We Really Mean It, 3-Member Cabinet Mission Asserts

New Delhi, India, May 17.—(AP)—The three members of the British cabinet mission, facing the question of a new constitution for India, today asserted that the British definitely intended to leave India.

The Congress Party's working committee met today. It may decide whether to accept the British plan or to demand a federal union of India by September 24. An interim government of Indian leaders will take office until a new constitution is effective.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the Muslim League, was expected to give his views to the British. The British and Muslim League will participate in setting up the machinery for writing the new constitution then will be answered.

Waverly May Give Outline.

Viceroy Lord Waverly was expected to outline in a broadcast tonight the formation of an interim central government as suggested by the cabinet mission. It is expected that a constitutional conference will be held in London as soon as possible to work out the details of an eventual federation.

Comments in Muslim quarters indicated the plan would not find widespread acceptance among Muslims, but the official reaction of the Muslim League was expected to come from its president, Mohammed Jinnah, who previously threatened civil war if Pakistan—separate and independent Muslim state—was not approved.

Mohammed K. Ghani, one of the Congress Party's leaders, advised Indians to study the proposal with care. "Whether people like the announcement or not, it is going to be a most momentous one in the history of India," he declared.

Resignation Of CPA Head Asked By Steel Union

Atlantic City, May 17.—(AP)—The CIO steel workers union today called on President Truman in a convention resolution to demand the immediate resignation of Civilian Administrator John D. Small because of his suggestions to legislate a six-months ban on strikes.

Small in a statement yesterday said such a ban would be "beneficial in the interest of reconversion because there was a sign labor will agree voluntarily to a ban on strikes from strikes on that management will agree voluntarily to arbitration of disputes."

WAYNICK QUILTS POST IN VD ORGANIZATION

Waynick has resigned as director of the veteran disease education institute to organize and direct a purely state-wide organization to fight mental diseases, he said here today.

Although neither Waynick or Dr. Carl Reynolds, state health officer, could say definitely who would succeed Waynick, it was believed the post would go to Dr. T. C. Johnson, president of the state psychiatric hospital.

CARRIES MESSAGE TO THE POPE



THE PRESIDENT'S special envoy to the Vatican, Myron C. Taylor walks past a trio of colorful Swiss guards as he carries a message from President Harry S. Truman to Pope Pius XII. (International)

Red Newspaper Reveals How Spain Aided Nazis

Izvestia Quotes Former Officers In German Army

Moscow, May 17.—(AP)—The government newspaper Izvestia disclosed today in a 10,000-word statement attributed to two German officers who served in Spanish military units, which charges that the Franco regime, "under a mask of neutrality, actually participated in the war on the side of Germany."

The officers, now prisoners of the Russians, were described as Lt. Gen. Gunther Krapp, former military attaché in Madrid, and Col. Hans Reiner, attaché in Tangier.

The statement said Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl—both now on trial in Nuremberg on war crimes charges—were active in arranging Spanish collaboration.

The officers were quoted as saying that after the Spanish civil war, German and Spanish aerial units, under the direction of Keitel and Jodl, collaborated in drawing up a secret "Isabella-Felks" plan for seizing Gibraltar and widening Spanish possessions in Africa.

Some Lend-lease Functions Given Treasury Dept.

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—President Truman today transferred lend-lease functions from the State to the Treasury Department effective June 1.

In an order, he made it clear that the State Department will continue to administer all other lend-lease functions now under its jurisdiction.

12 INDONESIANS KILLED

Bandung, Java, May 17.—(AP)—Dutch forces, acting against bands, officially described as extremists, killed at least 12 Indonesians today.

'Not A Thing' New In Soft Coal Strike

Truman Arbitration Plan Is Rejected By UMW, Operators

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—The White House today reported there is "not a thing" new in the deadlocked soft coal contract negotiations.

President Truman, rebuffed on the threatened nationwide rails strike which would halt movement of coal from mines, Press Secretary Charles Ross told a news conference he didn't think there was any chance Mr. Truman would call John L. Lewis and Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the coal operators, to the White House today. He added, however, that "anything can happen at any time."

The United Mine Workers and the operators rejected last night the President's proposal for arbitration of their differences.

Truman Cancels Trip.

It was Ross who replied "not a thing" when asked by reporters whether there were new developments in the coal dispute. Mr. Truman arranged to remain at the White House to handle any decisions on canceling a week-end trip to Missouri.

And despite the generally gloomy outlook, Secretary of Labor Louis Schwelbe said he found grounds "very intangible" though they might be—for believing that the negotiations might be resumed.

These came to an abrupt halt over the barrier raised by Lewis' demand for a 7 per cent pay raise to finance a miners' health and welfare fund.

Mr. Truman's arbitration suggestion followed, but it came to naught. Lewis turned it down cold. He told the President his negotiating committee was not authorized to agree to such a step.

The operators rejected the proposal on all of the non-wage issues, raised by Lewis, but accepted on the question of wages and hours. They already have offered Lewis the equivalent of 18 1/2 cents an hour in a wage increase to match post-war boosts in other industries. But on the health and welfare demand, the acceptance of Federal mine inspectors' safety recommendations, maintenance of property and settlement of community affairs, the operators said.

"If these demands continue to be pressed, the industry, and it alone, must make the decision in each case as to how far it can go in the surrender of its hitherto unchallenged functions. The industry can not delegate that authority to anyone else."

Gen. Devers Says He Did Not Say Solons 'Cowards'

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—General Jacob Devers told the House Military Committee today he had not called congressmen "cowards" in discussing congressional attitude toward extension of the draft law.

The four-star commander of the Army Ground Forces was summoned before the committee by Chairman May (D) of Kentucky to explain the remark attributed to him at a news conference in Atlanta last week.

"Certainly I would not call a group of congressmen, who are not only my friends, but friends of the army, cowards," Devers told the committee.

SELECTED DEMAND PROPS N. Y. MARKET

New York, May 17.—(AP)—Selected demand continued to prop parts of today's stock market although many leaders were neglected in moderately lower ground. The coal and railway labor disputes still served as bullish deterrents.

Ahead most of the time were International Telephone, American Woolen, Great Northern, Douglas Aircraft and Pure Oil. Stumblers included U. S. Steel, General Motors, Sears Roebuck, Chrysler and Dupont.

New York Cotton

New York, May 17.—(AP)—Cotton futures on a net unchanged to 25 cents a bale higher.

	Pv. Close	Open
July	27.39	27.39
Sept.	27.50	27.51
Nov.	27.70	27.62
Jan.	27.89	27.74
Mar. (1947)	27.72	27.73
July (1947)	27.65	27.73

Union Head Says Strike Is Still On Tojo Surprised When He Learns Of Hubba Hubba

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—Hideo Tojo, Japanese wartime premier, finally has learned what "hubba hubba" means.

In letters to friends in Washington, Isola W. Hibbelly, former assistant U. S. attorney here, who is one of the prosecutors in the war criminal trial of Tojo, said the ex-premier asked him the meaning of the American expression.

Hibbelly told Tojo it meant "war, hubba."

"Ah, so," Tojo said. "Very interesting. Often the guards here read me in the city and say hubba, hubba. I always thought it meant 'remember vent hubba'."

Donations' Ban Favored By Senators

Chamber Is In Mood To Outlaw Donations To Union Treasuries

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—The Senate was in a mood today to slap an outlaw ban on employee contributions to benefit funds which unions may spend as they see fit.

Even opponents of the proposal conceded it had majority support, but debate on the turbulent labor picture kept denying the chamber a chance to vote.

The legislation is aimed at the type fund which President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers has asked operators to provide for his miners' union health and welfare activities.

Lewis Act Brings Backing

Lewis' demand was credited by opposing sides, with his own majority support for the pending "outlaw" measure offered by Senator Byrd (D) of Virginia.

Byrd told a reporter he is certain a majority wants his proposal tacked onto a "mild" labor disputes bill placed before the Senate by its Education and Labor Committee.

Senator Maurice H. Harkin, who opposes any restrictive labor legislation at this time, said he also recognizes that a majority favors the Byrd proposal. He added that he thinks those who vote for it and other pending proposals to put "teeth" in Federal labor laws will be sorry later when they cool off.

FBI Assistance In Plane Crash Will Be Sought

Richmond, Va., May 17.—(AP)—While Henrico County authorities continued attempts to identify possibly 14 of the 27 passengers killed when a Viking airliner fell through murky weather to crash in swampy pine land here yesterday, a CAA inspector said he would ask the FBI to investigate certain aspects of the crash.

H. G. Myers, CAA authority, inspector making the inquiry, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be called in "because there are some things we can't account for."

He said two pistols, a part of another gun, two stilettoes, a pair of handcuffs, and a police whistle were discovered amid the twisted wreckage. "I want the FBI to help clarify some things in my own mind, and it may be something they would be interested in," he said.

Life Savings Burned



Washington, May 17.—(AP)—President Truman signed an executive order at 2:50 p. m. EST today taking over the railroads in an effort to prevent a strike set for 4 p. m. Saturday.

Minutes earlier, union leaders had said they would not ask their men to stay on the job if the government did seize the roads.

Asked whether the strike would go on as scheduled, President A. F. Whitney of the trainmen's brotherhood told reporters.

"Yes, sir."

President Truman in a statement, called upon the railroad workers to cooperate and remain on the job.

Presidential Secretary Charles Ross said that the Office of Defense Transportation would operate the carriers.

The President said: "In the strike situation confronting us, governmental seizure is imperative for the protection of the rights of our citizens."

He said, however, he had asked the parties at odds to keep negotiations going with a view to obtaining an agreement which would permit return of railroads of the roads to private ownership at the earlier possible moment.

The seizure is effective at 4 p. m. today, 24 hours before the strike was set to go into effect.

Negotiations Stall

Wage negotiations stalled yesterday when the representatives of the carriers rejected a modified proposal by the trainmen and C. O. S. Brotherhood for a wage increase of 13 per cent or a minimum of \$1.43 cents a day.

They originally asked 25 per cent or a floor of \$2.50 a day.

The carriers would not go beyond the 16 cents an hour or \$1.20 a day now offered by the President's emergency fuel finding board. The carriers' offer under this would cost \$334,000,000 the basis of estimated employment for 1946.

Whitney, Johnston First

First on the President's list this afternoon are A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen, and Alvanby Johnston, head of the engineers.

Mr. Truman then will talk with C. J. Gott, representing the firemen; T. C. Cashen of the switchmen, and W. W. Fraser of the conductors.

These three operating unions were awarded a 16 cent an hour increase by an arbitration board in March, but they are now demanding an additional \$1.29 a day.

In another meeting, Mr. Truman will confer with J. P. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, and Z. P. Loomis, W. T. Farley, H. A. Enoch, and J. P. Farley, representing the railroad conference committee.

CONSTITUTION FOR CEYLON REVEALED

London, May 17.—(AP)—The government announced today a new constitution for Ceylon, giving the island colony a large measure of self-government.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Showers tonight and Saturday. Continued warm tonight, cooler Saturday.

Parodi New President Of U.N. Council

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One Teacher Schools: A Thing Of Past?

Not assigning teachers to small schools, the aim is to put the burden of proof of need upon the community. When necessity can be shown, teachers will be added, when only community pride or petty local politics is involved the schools will be grouped with others for the greater good of all.

At least two specific cases illustrate the plan. In one, destroyed school buildings in Guilford counties, and the communities are existing that county boards rebuild them and reorganize the schools. In both cases state officials believe efficiency and economy will be served by sending the children to larger established schools. The new resolution

puts burden of proof on the communities.

On the other hand there are situations in the far east and in the mountains where persons might like to have their children in large conventional schools. But geography and transportation difficulties make it virtually impossible. The policy of letting each community stand on its own feet in working out co-operative solution of problems would seem to be sound.

POOR ZACCHINI—HIS CIRCUS CANNON IS ALL SHOT



THE "HUMAN CANNONBALL," Victoria Zacchini, aids her weeping father, Edwardo, from the remains of his \$50,000 truck (right), that carried the giant cannon they used in circus act, after it had crashed into a gas truck in East Chicago, Ind. In the act, Victoria was fired into a net by the cannon her father operated. Zacchini claims the loss of equipment for his act leaves him penniless. (International Soundscapes)