

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS BATTLES MISSISSIPPI

32-DAY SUPPLY OF COAL IS LEFT IN UNITED STATES

By CHARLES H. HERKOLD
Washington, (UP)—The nation's coal supply is a scant 32-day supply, a 10-day supply as a result of a complete and an intermittent production of 2,000,000 tons a day.

The mines closed down for a 30-day vacation. Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug said he feared the government would be helpless to get the 400,000 members of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers' union back on the job when the holiday ends July 8.

48 Million Available
Government officials estimated the nation's coal supplies above \$200 million at 28,000,000 tons—enough for 32 days. But steel mills and other industries need a two-week supply, and some industries about 25 days supply. Officials said the nation's coal supply, followed by a week-long coal strike, would drop to 2,000,000 tons a day by the middle of next month.

Meanwhile, southern and western operators reportedly were negotiating another contract offer to Lewis in hopes of satisfying his demands for a wage increase equivalent to 35 cents an hour and other concessions.

Before the negotiations broke down several days ago, Lewis indicated that he wanted an increase that would give his miners \$55.25 for a five-day, 40-hour week, and \$55.97 if they worked a sixth day on overtime.

They Come Closer
The Southern Coal operators came closer to matching Lewis' demands, offering \$63.50 for a five-day week, but they refused to grant a 20-day holiday pay.

Officials kept the way open for President Truman to invoke the emergency provisions of the new Taft-Hartley labor law if Schwabach's conciliation efforts failed.

Krug, whose department relinquishes its control over the mines when the government contract expires Monday, said he doubted the Taft-Hartley act could break a possible coal strike. He said he felt further congressional action would be necessary to cope with such an emergency.

However, Republican strategists in the house and senate considered suggestions that new legislation would be needed.

"Little Possibility"
House Republican Leader Charles A. McNair said he could see "little possibility" of any more legislation at the current session.

COMMUNISTS SAID TO HAVE CAPTURED POINTS NEAR PAOTING

Peking, China, (UP)—The Chinese news reported today that Communists had captured several points on the Paoting, south of the Beijing-Hankow railway, including villages near the airfield.

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE IN SHIPBUILDERS' CASE
New York, (UP)—Little progress was reported today to keep the strike of 41,500 shipbuilders at 10 east coast yards from spreading across the nation at Monday night.

Federal mediators hoped to arrange a joint session of union and Bethlehem Steel Co. but the union was unwilling to meet.

The three-day strike by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBA) has been called off for a 13-day period.

Old Man River Spills Over Waterfront in St. Louis



Heavy rains continue to swell the mud-brown waters of the Mississippi River as it spills over St. Louis, Mo., waterfront. Here emergency workers and employes sandbag the base of the Lever Brothers factory, normally five blocks away from the river's shore. The Coast Guard evacuated more than 4000 persons in the St. Louis area alone, where the Mississippi is expected to reach its highest flood stage in more than a century.

ASYLUM ATTENDANTS GET WRONG PATIENT INTO HOSPITAL

Presale — (UP) — Everyone apologized today to Mrs. Anna Parfinska, who was kept five days in a state hospital for the insane by mistake.

Dr. Samuel Ginsburg asked the state to commit his patient, Mrs. Anna Sefcik, Anna Sefcik occupied the front apartment on the first floor of a fourth street apartment house, Anna Parfinska occupied the rear apartment on the same floor.

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The Indonesian broadcaster said Dutch Lt. Gen. S. J. Spoor was to lead the attack. He claimed that Dutch vehicles were being assigned and troops ordered to report to their garrisons.

BLIND COUPLE TO WED
Albany, (UP) — A young Albany couple, both blind since birth, will be married here Sunday. They are Goldie Mae Allen and Richard Lee Varney, 23, operator of a news concession.

The pair met in 1945 at a ballroom party given by the association for the blind. They plan a seven-day wedding trip to Springfield, Mass.

Molotov Proposes To Ask U.S. How Much It Can Aid Europe

BY JOSEPH W. GRIGG, JR.
Paris (UP)—A Soviet press dispatch, believed to reflect the views of Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, proposed today that Russia, Britain and France ask the United States how much aid it will give Europe.

A dispatch by the official Tass agency, datelined Paris and broadcast from Moscow, suggested that the European big three meeting here find out from the United States what strings are attached to the Paris conference and a questionnaire to Washington on these points, then go ahead determining the needs of European countries while awaiting a reply.

Molotov, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault also were urged to seek assurance that congress would approve aid measures proposed by President Truman.

The conference which may determine the economic course of Europe was being held in extreme secrecy, reportedly at Bevin's request. No official press briefing will be offered after the daily sessions, as it was at previous foreign ministers' conferences in which the United States participated.

It was understood that the ministers drew up an agenda yesterday and made preliminary statements. They met for nearly four hours. Technical experts were expected to meet today to work out details of yesterday's decisions.

An optimistic attitude was noticeable today, based apparently on nothing more than small omens and some wishful thinking. A British delegate described the atmosphere at the first session as "very good."

The Tass dispatch said the foremost conference task was to clarify the meaning of Marshall's proposal.

6 IN PLANE'S CREW KILLED IN MANILA
Manila, (UP)—All six crew members of a U. S. army C-45 plane which hit Mt. Makiling were found dead in the wreckage today, it was announced officially.

Apparently all aboard the plane were killed instantly when it smashed against a landslide on a mountain about 150 yards from the top. The plane had been missing for two days.

Names of the dead were withheld pending notification of their families.

Capt. W. J. Davis, leader of the search party which found the wreckage, said the watches of all six men had stopped at 10:15 p. m. He said all the bodies will be recovered despite a landslide started by the plane's impact.

Davis said there were no indications of a mechanical failure in the plane. He said the plane was apparently making an instrument descent on a radio beam coming in toward Manila and the crew was unaware that the mountain was in its path.

Albans, (UP)—Street car workers in Athens today called a 24-hour strike, demanding a wage increase of \$20 a month. Gas and electrical workers are expected to move a similar strike Tuesday.

CIO PLANS TO HAVE PICKETS AT TAFT-STONE WEDDING

St. Joseph, Mich. (UP)—A CIO union planned to picket Sen. Robert Taft, R. O., when he attends his son's wedding today at a local church, despite police threats that they would arrest every picket who appeared.

The co-author of the Taft-Hartley labor law was scheduled to attend the wedding of his son, Lloyd B. Taft, to Virginia Stone, of St. Joseph, at the First Congregational church at 4 p. m.

Gordon Colwell, chairman of the executive board of the United Electrical Workers' Local 931, said the union would throw pickets around the church, and would call on United Auto Workers' locals for help if it were needed.

Police Ready
Police Chief Thomas Gillespie threatened to arrest pickets under a Michigan law which forbids disturbing the peace near a place of worship. Berrien County Sheriff Erwin Kubath said he would assign deputies to support local officers.

Days before the wedding, members of the local spent the night painting signs reading: "Taft-Hartley Slave Bill," "Public Enemy Number One."

"Repeat Taft-Hartley Bill."
Colwell said, "If we need help in the picketing we'll get it from United Auto Workers' locals."

Colwell said he could depend upon 350 members of Local 931 who have been out on strike against the New Products corporation since April 22, and on members of a UAW local at the Clark Equipment company in nearby Buchanan.

Taft was expected to arrive early today to join Mrs. Taft, who came from New York City. The marriage of young Taft, to Miss Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stone, culminates a college romance at the University of Michigan, where the groom did graduate work after being graduated from Yale in 1943.

A reception for 700 persons will be held at the Berrien Hills Country club following the ceremony.

ROME AIR BASE MAY BE USED BY AIRLINE CONCERNS
Washington (UP)—An Oneida county, N. Y., delegation said today it was informed by an army air forces spokesman that the Rome air field could be used by commercial airlines if certain conditions were met.

Gordon E. Kent, chairman of the county airport facilities committee, said the delegation also learned from Francis W. Brown, Civil Aeronautics Board chief examiner, that the CAB would "favorably consider" permitting American Airlines to serve the area through the Rome base.

The delegation came here to see whether the army base would be used jointly by military and commercial planes. It was indicated that arrangements worked out in that connection might have an important bearing on whether the county builds a commercial airport.

MR. BARNES' JOKE SURE BACKFIRED
Troy, (UP)—Raymond M. Barnes, 39, Winsted, Conn., satirist and humorist, was today laughing at the joke he had made yesterday when he said he was riding in a stolen car.

When the rider got out in Columbia county, he telephoned state police.

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Spearfish, S. D., (UP)—Damage was estimated at \$75,000 today from a tornado that left a scar 200 yards wide and a half mile long across farms two and one half miles northwest of Spearfish. No one was injured seriously.

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The birds that come north earliest in spring usually are the last to return south in autumn.

400,000 MINERS BEGIN VACATIONS; STEEL SLUMPING

Pittsburgh (UP)—Some 400,000 soft coal miners began their 10-day vacation today as dwindling fuel stockpiles heralded further cutbacks in steel production and threatened steel consuming industries.

More than 250,000 United Mine Workers (AFL) already were out in protest against the Taft-Hartley labor law before the vacation period began at midnight. They began to leave work last Monday and depleted coal piles forced cutbacks in steel output almost immediately.

The Big Question
The big question now was whether miners would return to work on July 8. Sentiment in the coal fields was reported growing for a strike if no contract with the operators has been completed by that time.

The magazine Steel predicted that more iron and steel consuming plants would shut down during July and August than at any time in the history of the metal working industry.

Steel Cutbacks
The latest steel cutbacks were reported by the Republic Steel Corp. in Cleveland. O. It announced that four blast furnaces were banked "because of shortages resulting from the coal strike."

Operations also were curtailed at the Geneva, Utah, Steel plant, a subsidiary of U. S. Steel Corp. When no coal miners reported for work at the Columbia, Utah, coal mine and only one-third of a shift reported at the Geneva Coal mine.

Younghaven Steel & Tube
Younghaven Steel and Sharon Steel previously reduced operations, and steel workers faced mass layoffs. Many steel fabricating plants took advantage of the coal holiday to grant vacations to their employees.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN TO MEET AT CHAUTAUQUA
The Federation of Women's Republican clubs of New York State, Inc., will hold its summer conference at the Hotel Athenaeum in Chautauqua, on June 30 and July 1.

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CLIPPER RETURNS TO GUAM ON 3 ENGINES
Guam (UP)—The Pan-American globe-circling Clipper America carrying American newspaper executives returned to Guam with engine trouble after departing for Honolulu today, but took off again a short time later.

DOCK WORKER KILLED AT BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
Ridgeway, Ont., (UP)—Coroner W. Ray Stackhouse today investigated the electrocution of a young dock worker at the Buffalo Canoe Club at nearby Point Abino.

Late News Bulletins
Buffalo (UP)—The Buffalo district of the corps of engineers celebrated its 120th birthday here in conjunction with a nationwide observance of the 172nd anniversary of the corps founding.

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SPENCER KELLOGG FEED MILL BURNS

Buffalo (UP)—A three-alarm fire today caused damage unofficially estimated at \$50,000 to the old feed mill of the Spencer Kellogg company.

Firemen arrived on the scene early this morning to find the four-story structure a mass of flames. Second and third alarms were turned in when the blaze threatened to spread to the adjacent Thomson Paper Co. and the nearby cracking plant of the Socony Vacuum Co.

GIRL LOSES LIFE IN CRASH OF SEAPLANE ON CHAUTAUQUA LAKE
Jamestown, (UP)—Grapplers sought today to recover the body of five-year-old Margaret Brink from the waters of Chautauqua lake following the crash landing of an amphibian plane.

REDS MAY NOT VETO UN PEACE PLAN
Lake Success (UP)—Some United Nations quarters saw a chance today that Russia would refrain from vetoing the western powers' proposals for a peaceful United Nations measure aimed at Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania.

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SITUATION NOW APPEARS FUTILE; THOUSANDS FLEE

By United Press
Southern Illinois residents, identified by soldiers, fought a desperate battle to save their homes today as the rising Mississippi river battered levees along a 60 mile stretch.

COLONEL TO LEARN WHY SOME INDIANS NEVER HAVE CANCER
New York (UP)—Arthur J. Burks, 49-year-old colonel in the U. S. marine corps, leaves today on a mission in memory of his dead wife — a mission to Brazil to determine, if possible, why a certain tribe of Indians never have cancer.

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