

Extinguish Fire In Pile Of Trash

The Decatur fire department was called out late Sunday morning to extinguish a fire in a pile of old tires and trash behind the Texaco

Legion Committee Drafts Bonus Plan

Carry Out Intent Of Legion Parley

Indianapolis, Dec. 6 — (UP) — A special American Legion committee met today to draft a pension program for veterans of World Wars I and II.

National commander S. Perry Brown, Beaumont, Tex., said the group would "carry out the intent of our pension resolutions" at the recent Legion convention in Miami.

Spokesmen expected the committee to debate two conflicting proposals sponsored at the Miami meeting.

The Illinois Legion department plan would pay veterans of both world wars \$60 a month when they reach 55, and \$75 monthly at 65. A Missouri department proposal provides \$60-\$90 monthly pensions for World War I veterans, similar to those received by Spanish War veterans.

Brown, in a speech at Chicago last night, did not compare the two proposals, but said that the final program "will be sound and workable, combining the best interests of the disabled veteran, his dependents, the overage veteran, and the nation."

The question of pensions for world war veterans is the "burning issue confronting us at the present time," he said.

"The veteran of today who is getting along in years must scramble for security with the odds stacked heavily against him," Brown said. "We've got a battle on our hands, and we're not going to win it by turning the other cheek."

The government, in good conscience, must stand by its defenders in their hour of need just as they stood by the government in its hour of stress."

station at Second and Jackson streets. Cause of the minor blaze was not known.

Every house needs Westinghouse. Be sure and see the Westinghouse refrigerator—Arnold & Klenk, Inc.

Seeks Whereabouts Of Sister, Wants Christmas Reunion

Herbert Cline, of Grand Rapids, Mich., wants to have a family reunion this Christmas, but he isn't sure where he can find his sister.

He last saw her when she was two years old. Both of them were in a Greenville, O., orphanage.

He has reason to believe she is now residing in or around Decatur. He has appealed to the Decatur police department to help find her for that long-delayed Christmas reunion.

Local residents knowing of Mrs. Norton's whereabouts are asked to get in touch with the police department, or place a collect call to Grand Rapids 34214.

Three Coal Miners Killed In Rock Fall

Victims Trapped In Illinois Coal Mine

Benton, Ill., Dec. 6 — (UP) —

Rescue crews early today recovered the bodies of three coal miners who were trapped under 100 tons of debris.

O. C. Grinnell, assistant superintendent of the Orient No. 1 mine, said the victims were trapped by a rock fall yesterday as they prepared the mine roof with timbers. He said officials were investigating the cause of the accident.

The dead were Andy Marko, 50, Orient, Ill.; James Taylor, Benton, and John Urman, West Frankfort, who were working in a tunnel two miles from the central shaft when the fall occurred. Their bodies were found together, 450 feet below the earth's surface.

Mike Vukmir, Orient, a member of the timbering crew, escaped. He was pinned against the side of a mine car, but was dug out uninjured.

Forty-six other miners also escaped injury when the fall occurred. Grinnell said a rock slide results when large masses of rock are detached from a tunnel roof and fall, leaving a gaping hole in the mine ceiling.

Nationalists Claim

Kuchen Recaptured

Report Communists Driven To Retreat

Nanking, Dec. 6 — (UP) — Government sources claimed today that nationalist troops have recaptured Kuchen, 130 miles north of Nanking, and are driving the Communists in retreat to the northwest.

General Daily News said the powerful Communist force that was halted last week in its drive on Nanking was mauled so severely by nationalist attacks from north and south that it now is seeking to escape into Shantung and eastern Honan province.

These dispatches quoted a national

ist spokesman in Pengpu as saying that four Communist columns which last week threatened Pengpu had lost more than half their fighting men before they withdraw across the Huai river.

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cluded a 1949 automobile, a two-

week trip for two to Rio De Janeiro, a \$3,500 motorboat, a \$3,000 diamond ring, \$1,000 piano, \$3,000 watch, \$1500 men's wardrobe, \$1,000 silver tea service, \$1,000 credit in a department store and luggage valued at \$2,000.

The normal strength of a Communist column is between 15,000 and 20,000 men. When they turned back northward they contained no more than 8,000 men each, this report said.

Three nationalist army groups driving south from Suchow toward the big Communist base at Suhien have reached Fulichi, 10 miles north of Sunsien, Central said.

A large part of this force has been diverted northwest to cut off the Communist attempt to retreat and regroup in their old haunts along the flatlands of the Yellow river, these dispatches said.

Nationalist troops are forming a line to cut off the Communist retreat between Hsiayi, 15 miles south of the Lunghai railroad, and Yungching, 50 miles southwest of Suchow, Central said.

One pro-government report said nationalist troops had broken into Suhsien, but this could not be confirmed.

Other heavy fighting was reported around Kuaylin, on the Grand Canal 110 miles northeast of Nanking, and at Kalgai in the far north.

A government announcement said meanwhile that the organized evacuation of more than 100,000 dependents from Nanking would start next Friday.

The evacuation will be carried out by rail, sea and air, with 6,000 scheduled to be transported each day. The communications ministry set up a special evacuation committee to handle the program.

During the past few days hundreds of Chinese — the exact number is not known — have been killed in accidents connected with the general rush to flee Nanking and Shanghai in face of the Communist threat.

17-Year-Old Girl Radio Quiz Winner

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 6 — (UP) — Alice Heaney, a 17-year-old meat market clerk who won a \$26,200 radio merchandise prize, said today she would go back to work as usual.

The girl, one of a family of 20 that lives in a five-room house, identified the mystery melody on last night's "stop the music" broadcast (ABC). The tune was "Nancy Dawson."

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COMMUNISTS

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would accept a Soviet appointment as commissar for all plants of the Bewag combine in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

Six non-communist workers rep-

resentatives, barred early today

from the Russian sector municipal

power administration building by

a newly appointed communist di-

rector, returned to the building and forced their way inside at

noon.

The workers were protesting

the arrest of six officials of the

non-communist trade union UCO

and the posting of police guards

in the plant. They threatened to

strike at 3 p. m. (9 a. m. EST) if

the men were not released and the

guards withdrawn.

Guards barred the six again, but

a score of sympathetic workers

pushed the guards aside and per-

mitted the six to enter. They are

the non-communist members of a

nine-man workers council in the

plant. They were scheduled to at-

tend a meeting protesting Soviet

police methods.

Communist leaders attempted to

speak at the meeting, but they

were shouted down. Non-commu-

nist speakers then reiterated de-

mands that the arrested workers

be released and the guards be re-

MOVED.

The incident at the plant follow-

ed a meeting of 5,000 Bewag work-

ers in the American sector. At

the meeting the workers adopted a

resolution warning that some

1,200 employees in the Bewag cen-

tral administration offices should

strike if their demands were not

met.

A spokesman for the Bewag ad-

ministrative workers said the

company administration probably

would move to one of the western

sectors, leaving the Russians to

set up a separate administration of

their own.

"We will show the Russians we

don't want to work under their

bayonets," said the spokesman,

Gerhard Aussner, a member of the

Bewag board of directors.

CIVIL RIGHTS

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to see and hear.

The platform said:

"We call upon congress to sup-

port our president in guaranteeing

these basic and fundamental Ameri-

can principles: (1) The right of

full and equal political participa-

tion; (2) The right to equal op-

portunity of employment; (3) The

right of security of person; (4)

And the right of equal treatment in

the service and defense of our na-

tion.

ICY WINDS AND

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wind reached 69 miles per

hour, the temperature at Eau

des Plaines, Wis., last night plunged to

20.

Bus schedules in Minnesota

delayed by the storm.

Northwestern Bell Telephone

Company at Minneapolis report-

ed that it was setting up emer-

gency communications as

winds tore down telephone

throughout Minnesota and

numerous cars skidded

in ditches.

At Muscatine, Ia., the wind

struck, high winds had

and skies had cleared, but the

temperature dropped almost to

last night in the western

part of the state.

Trade in a Good Town

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