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## PEACE ASSURED IN COAL FIELDS BY NRA AGREEMENT

Operators Ready to Recognize United Mine Workers, After Many Years of Bitter Struggle.

### CONCESSIONS ARE MADE BY UNION

Seventy Per Cent of Bituminous Area Will Be Affected; General Johnson Elated by Success.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Peace—with every indication that it will be permanent—is on its way today to the bituminous coal industry, long the battleground of the most disastrous economic warfare in American industrial history.

A treaty negotiated after the most successful collective bargaining conferences ever held between bituminous coal operators and United Mine Workers' officials is in process today of final drafting. It may be completed this afternoon under the persuasive, dominating, at times dictatorial, influence of General Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator. If not today, Wednesday surely.

First, and of the greatest importance from the standpoint of termination of the bitter capital and labor struggle in the soft coal industry, complete recognition is provided by the operators to the United Mine Workers' Union.

This recognition has, in effect, become a fact in Washington as a result of the across-the-table negotiations, under General Johnson's guidance, between John L. Lewis, president; Philip Murray, vice-president, and other United Mine Workers officials, and such dominating operators as Charles O'Neill of Clearfield, Pa., spokesman for the northern group of operators; J. D. Francis of West Virginia, J. D. A. Morrow of Pittsburgh Coal, and other anti-union producers, who came to Washington several weeks ago determined to ignore Lewis then and at all future times.

#### Covers 70 Per Cent

But this recognition has not been extended into Allegheny country and other Pennsylvania fields, nor into West Virginia and other sections of the Appalachian coal-producing region. Under the agreement now being written into code form, this recognition becomes immediately effective in 70 per cent of the bituminous producing area of the United States.

John L. Lewis and his associates are attaining under the NRA blue eagle and President Roosevelt's direct intervention in behalf of a definite solution of the soft coal problem an objective which they failed to attain during more than a quarter century of pleadings before other Presidents, presidential commissions, and congressional committees.

The operators finally are concluding that the leadership of the union is needed to police their industry, to furnish them a dependable supply of labor, and generally enable them to place their business once more on a profit basis.

#### Union Makes Concessions

The union has also made concessions. Lewis compromised on hours and wages. He wanted a base pay of \$5 a day for inside mine workers in Pittsburgh and not less than \$4.75 for West Virginia and southern fields. The code will provide a \$4.60 day in Pittsburgh, 20 cents less in the Fairmount (W. Va.) fields, and 40 cents less in the southern fields.

The work week will be forty hours of five eight-hour days. Lewis wanted a total of thirty-two hours.

In addition, the code establishes machinery for permanent arbitration of disputes so the peace may be perpetuated. It takes cognizance of the irritating problems of the company stores, company police, payment in "script" and otherwise seeks to transfer miners from their present status of dependency on a harshly administered baronial system to that of free American workmen.

#### Congratulated by Johnson

Operators get sales promotion agreement to terminate "cut-throat" competition.

General Johnson, who has been more patient and more tactful in his efforts to harmonize the conflicting views of the coal industry, is elated at the turn of events. In addition to his personal congratulations, he Monday night sent a message of thanks to Lewis for his part in the negotiations. He also has warmly praised those operators who previously refused to retreat from their historic position.

The agreement does not include fields in Alabama, Indiana, Illinois and western states, but officials predict that supplemental codes, which will include all basic principles of the Appalachian code, will be written promptly.

#### Breaks Neck in Dive

By United Press  
ROCKPORT, Ind., Aug. 29.—A fracture of the neck incurred when he dove into the Ohio river caused the death in a hospital at Evansville Monday of Max Winchell, 15, of Rockport.

They left Chicago Monday for

## Deep, Dark, Dire Plot on LifeBared by Huey Long



Huey Long

The shot that was heard around the world was no louder than the punch that landed on Huey Long's left eye. Who did it? Why? That's the mystery that puzzles a nation today. Two versions are given. Here they are:

### This Is Huey's Story

By United Press  
MILWAUKEE, Aug. 29.—Gangsters motivated by sinister influences trapped Senator Huey P. Long in the washroom of an exclusive Long Island club, but thanks to his physical prowess and quick thinking, he managed to escape with only trivial injury, Long insisted today.

The Louisiana "kingfish" was indignant at New York reports that a New York architectural engineer, angered by Long's manner of approach, had opened an inch long cut over his left eye. The cut was inflicted by a gangster who had a knife, Long said, aided by three other armed gangsters.

The cut was visible as Long left his hotel to address the convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. All day Monday he rebuffed newspapermen with sulfurous language, but Monday night he decided to issue a statement. He received the press with treacherous drawn over yellow silk pajamas.

The Long Island party was given Saturday night at the high-toned Sands Point Bath Club. Long explained he was prevailed upon to attend by "persons connected with the music composers and publishers." He had been at the club twenty minutes when he went into the washroom.

"Just as I faced the basin and the wall, some one struck me from behind," he said. "Upon turning, three or four men covered me. I saw one strike at my head with a knife or something sharp and I ducked so that it grazed my forehead. One man was locking the door, but I stumbled low through him and managed to wriggle out."

None of the supposed principals was available for comment.

The New York Sun recounted much the same version of the affair, and in addition said it had called Long by telephone to verify the story, but could get no satisfactory answer.

**Carpenters Quit; Charge Broken Wage Agreement**

Union carpenters on a number of major projects in the city were called off the jobs today as a result of what is reported to be a wage dispute.

It is charged contractors are not living up to an agreement to pay a wage of \$1.14 an hour, and that some carpenters are being paid 40 cents, others 60 and a few 75 cents.

Fifteen carpenters quit work today on the state library building and others were reported to have teased work on the Indiana World

War memorial and the Indiana university dental school building on West Michigan street.

Leslie Colvin, president of the city contractors' group, asserted that the contractors objected to a proposal by a committee of local architects that building trades wages be based on material costs.

He declared that carpenters are willing to work for 60 to 75 cents an hour, and that union men, who are out of work, are forcing other workers to quit.

They would become too numb in the cold night air if they waited much longer.

Smith landed near Ogden dunes shortly after 10 p. m., while his companion touched land six miles farther west.

Coast guardmen pointed out that Carlson was supposed to have been wearing a life preserver which would keep him afloat, but would not protect him against cold.

Smith said that he had attended the University of Illinois in 1932 and had won several medals for proficiency in swimming.

Smith, Carlson and Ray Anderson of Muskegon came down to the world's fair in two and a half days a week ago. Anderson had returned home and York had taken his place in the crew of three.

## STATE INTANGIBLES TAX LAW FOUGHT

### Two Suits Filed in Court at Anderson.

By United Press

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 29.—Two suits on file in Madison circuit court today contested validity of the state's intangible tax law as applied to contracts for sale of real estate.

James C. Sanberry, Maud V. Sanberry and Anna E. Surbaugh, plaintiffs, contend agreements to sell real estate were obligations rather than assets.

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