

## Letter Reveals Reported Plan to Allow Chairman To Dominate Coal Board

Greenlee Among Minority Members Opposing Move Of Majority; Hosford Reveals Resignation; Says Patronage Trouble Not Cause.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Fuel was added to the fire in Washington's soft-coal furnace today when an official letter confirmed reports of a feud within the National Bituminous Coal Commission.

Commissioner John C. Lewis charged in letters to two Senators that the majority members of the seven-man Commission have brought about dominance by Chairman Charles F. Hosford Jr. and have tried to keep knowledge of Commission acts from the public as well as from the three minority members. Mrs. E. Greenlee, Missouri's former patronage chief under Governor McNutt, is reported to be one of the three minority members.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt's return to Washington was awaited for action on Mr. Hosford's resignation, which became known yesterday. Other members were reported preparing full statements on the Commission disturbance. Their plan was to hold the statements until after talking with the President.

These members think the future of the Commission, as well as the Guffey Coal Act which created it, is at stake.

### Wants to Leave Soon

Mr. Hosford late yesterday confirmed the news that he had resigned, and said he had asked the President to make his retirement effective as soon as the Commission's work of establishing minimum coal prices is completed. He said he anticipated that this would be before Jan. 1.

The chairman denied that patronage troubles led to his resignation, and also that there had been dissension within the Commission "on any fundamental question of policy."

At a heated Commission meeting in August, Mr. Hosford placed his resignation as chairman before the other commissioners. His colleagues voted 3 to 3 on a "vote of confidence" in the chairman.

Three weeks ago, Commissioner Lewis, one of the two labor members in the Commission's minority, appealed to Senators Herring and Gillette, Iowa Democrats, for assistance in getting information about the Commission's personnel and other records. He wrote that he had been unable to obtain it himself. The Senators pledged their aid, and the information was later promised to Mr. Lewis. According to latest reports, however, it has not yet been furnished in complete form.

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### Called 'Corporation'

"The majority of the Commission have insisted that the chairman shall have superior authority and that other members shall be subordinate to him, and therefore that the Commission shall not be a body of public servants but a little private corporation dominated by one man; that the chairman shall have authority to decide what action the Commission shall take and when the Commission shall have an opportunity to act; that the chairman shall decide just how much shall be told to other members concerning the business transacted by the Commission; that the records of the Commission shall be secret and not a public record."

The chairman's policy, the letter continued, "has resulted not only in keeping certain members of the Commission in the dark on vital questions, but also in denying to the consumers' counsel information required to be furnished him under the act, without which he has been unable to carry out his duty to represent the consuming public."

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## 6 SPEEDERS PAY \$80 IN FINES AS DRIVE IS PUSHED

31 Other Drivers Convicted;  
One Accident Is Reported.

As police pushed their drive against speeders, arresting 20 more drivers on the charge, only one accident was reported in the city overnight.

Last night's arrests brought the total caught on speeding charges this week to 60. Eleven were arrested Monday and 19 Tuesday.

Municipal Judge Charles J. Karabell today fined 37 violators \$354 and suspended \$121. He assessed 20 preferential-street runners \$193; six traffic signal violators \$55, and six speeders \$80.

The only overnight accident reported to police occurred at 54th St. and College Ave. No one was injured, however. Forty-five other

drivers were arrested overnight on traffic law violation charges.

Meanwhile, City Hospital reported some improvement in the critical condition of Fireman Tony Mazza, 35, of 893 S. E. 10th St., who was injured in the fire-truck collision Oct. 27. Edward McGinnis, 2602 Shelby St., received fatal injuries in the accident.

Eugene Burnett, 30, No. 1, who also suffered a skull fracture in the accident, remained in a critical condition.

## COMMISSION TO FIX TEXAS JURISDICTION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (U.P.)—The National Bituminous Coal Commission today announced hearings, opening Nov. 15 at Dallas, to determine whether coal mined in Texas is of a type within its jurisdiction.

At the same time, the Commission will hear the application of the Morton Salt Co. of Chicago and other producers in Texas for exemption.

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## WORLD PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

International Affairs Group  
To Meet in Marion.

DR. E. H. Unruh, Indianapolis, Midwest Council of International Relations president, will be principal speaker. Indiana and Ohio college representatives will provide speakers on foreign and domestic problems.

Four sessions will be held concluding with an open forum, conducted by Dr. Unruh.

## COL. L. E. DAVIDSON IS TO LEAD MARCH

Col. L. E. Davidson, executive officer at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, and Mrs. Davidson will lead the grand march at the fifth annual Armistice Day ball. It will be given Nov. 11 in the Claypool Hotel Riley Room by the 12th District American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.

Members of the grand march committee are Arthur N. Palmer, chairman; G. L. Geis, P. J. Sertell, Howard McCracken and Staff Sgt. Albert C. Neff. Ralph L. Mosler is colors committee chairman.

## HUNT RANSOM SUSPECT

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (U.P.)—An eight-state alarm was out today for the arrest of an unidentified man who changed a \$20 gold certificate in a Staten Island roadhouse and drove away in an automobile bearing New Jersey license plates. The alarm said the bill "may be ransom money" but the serial number given did not check with the list of Lindbergh ransom notes.

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## VETERANS PLAN DANCE

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