

# MINERS' STRIKE PUT UP TO FDR

WLB Asks President to Demand Immediate Mine Reopening.

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want in that district. Why give them what they want? No favorable consideration should be given them."

Neither Morse nor alternate employee member Frank Hewitt would predict what action Mr. Roosevelt might take. Hewitt was asked about the possibility of a "work-or-fight" order.

"The trouble with that," he said, "is that the coal can't be mined if these strikers are put into the fighting forces."

Both Morse and Hewitt agreed that the important thing is to get the men back to work.

No Comment From Lewis

That the strike's continuance is a direct challenge to Lewis' leadership was indicated when Louis Nowitzky, president of a local UMW chapter at Tamaqua, Pa., said: "I'd rather work under the soldiers than under John L. Lewis."

Lewis refused to make any statement after yesterday's voting. Last Friday, however, he told the strikers to "cut out this foolishness" and return to work without delay.

The miners defied the board despite a loss in anthracite production. Solid Fuel Co-ordinator Harold L. Tokes said anthracite production for the week ending Jan. 9 was only 888,000 tons—450,000 tons less than might have been produced if the entire industry had been maintained on a six-day week basis.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 18 (U. P.).—Pennsylvania's anthracite strike entered its 20th day today after 15,000 miners voted almost unanimously to defy the war labor board's second order to return to work and end a serious fuel shortage on the eastern seaboard.

Locals of the United Mine Workers announced last night that the men decided to stay away from the pits because they received no satisfaction on original demands for elimination of a 50 cents a month dues increase. The workers later included in their demands \$2-a-day wage increase and clarification of pay provisions for the sixth day of the six-day work week.

# YANK PILOTS STAGE 5 ATTACKS ON JAPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (U. P.).—American air forces in the Solomons have carried out five more attacks against enemy installations in the Shortland island area and at Munda on New Georgia island, the navy announced today.

Meanwhile, a navy communiqué said, U. S. ground troops on Guadalcanal island continued to mop up pockets of enemy resistance. Approximately 150 Japanese were killed and a number were taken prisoner.

Three of the air attacks in the Shortland island area and the one against Munda were carried out on the night of Jan. 15 (island time).

During that evening, flying fortresses bombed the Japanese-held Kahili area on Bougainville island. Two large fires were observed after the attack.

Later the same night, Catalina patrol bombers followed up the attack on Kahili and additional fires were started. The Japanese have an airbase on Kahili island.

# PFC. BAUER INTERNED

Pfc. Joseph E. Bauer, son of Mrs. Minnie Bauer, 718 Monroe ave., Evansville, is interned by Spain at Taunma near Melilla, Spanish Morocco. He is one of 141 American prisoners of war held by the enemy or interned in a neutral country, according to an announcement by the war department.

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# What A Cough!

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# Await Bomber Crew Assignments



Claude W. Hoffman

Luther M. Welch

Edward M. Burris

Awaiting assignment to bomber crews are three Indianapolis men who recently finished five weeks of training in the aerial gunnery school at Harting, Tex.

They are Claude W. Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffman and husband of Mrs. Claude Hoffman, 401 N. Illinois st., Apt. 34; Luther M. Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther W. Welch, 1325 W. 23d st.; and Edward M. Burris, son of Mrs. Grace Burris, 232 N. Oriental st.

The men received diplomas, promotions to sergeants, and silver gunner's wings at exercises held at the school last week.

# BRITISH 90 MI. FROM TRIPOLI

American Planes Bombard Harbor Mole at Libyan Capital.

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Jan. 15 were reported at 46 planes lost and 32 damaged, against allied losses of 16 planes.

A Cairo communiqué announced that the eighth army had advanced yesterday from the Bir Tala-Sedada line to a line based on Beni Ould, Bir Dufan and Taouga, which meant a 40-mile gain in a day. It took a number of prisoners.

From Beni Ould a road leads on to Tripoli, capital of Libya, 90 miles away. Taouga is on the main coastal road, 25 miles south of the axis base of Misurata.

The eighth army's new line is between 80 and 90 miles northwest of Buerat-el-Hsun, where Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Zenn Zenn defense line had been anchored.

Montgomery opened new offensive at 7:30 a. m. Friday, when tanks, including American-made Lees and Shermans, struck at the rear of the German armor, creating a cloud of reddish yellow sand which created a dust pall 15 miles square.

Friday night the eighth army's infantry made a spectacular frontal attack by which the Wadi Zem Zem line was outflanked to the south, inland.

# Junction With French Due

The British forces crossed the Wadi Sofegga and advanced toward Misurata on a secondary road.

It was believed that at any moment the eighth army, with its tanks and armored cars ranging a mile ahead, might effect actual contact with the Fighting French column that had advanced northward through the Libyan desert from remote Lake Chad in French interior Africa.

This Fighting French column likewise was expected to be joined in a few days by a French camel corps crossing the Sahara desert from southern Tunisia.

# Reads Are Strated

While the fighter and fighter-bomber planes kept up an unremitting attack on the German and Italian transport, fleeing toward the rear, heavy bombers concentrated on enemy troops and retreating columns on the coastal road west of Misurata.

Intruder planes also attacked vehicles on the road leading from Tripoli to Sfax on the Tunisian east coast.

Other planes bombed the airbase on Italy's Lampedusa island, lying off the east coast.

# Axis Bombs Tobruk

Six enemy planes bombed the Tobruk base, 60 miles behind the present battle line, and four of them were shot down.

The admiralty announced that light British naval forces Saturday sank a medium-sized enemy supply ship 100 miles north-northwest of Tripoli and damaged one of its escort ships, without suffering casualties or damage.

A second communiqué reported that the light forces sank a small enemy supply ship at midnight Saturday within a few miles of Djerba island, south of the Gulf of Gabes on the east Tunisian coast.

# DISTRICT 22 RAID WORKERS TO MEET

Air raid wardens, first aiders and messengers of district 22 will meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the Rhodius park community center.

The district will sponsor an air raid warden class for Negroes at the Union Baptist church, beginning Jan. 25. A class will also begin Jan. 27 at the West Indianapolis branch library.

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# SSS TONIC

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# Buildings' 'Skeletons' Stand Out in Great Berlin 'Cauldron'

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tinguishable. The fires were so bright they partially illuminated the bomb-aimer's compartment, silhouetting our bomb-aimer as he poised himself over his instruments, ready to aim.

Presently it was our turn to bomb. We had been zig-zagging, diving, climbing and twisting our way through the enemy's frantic anti-aircraft fire. Now we leveled off on a straight course, directly across the target area. In the middle of it, the long Lancaster leaped up like a surprised animal. We had released our two-ton bomb. We tore on across the conflagration below, and none of us saw our bomb burst, but the crews in following planes did.

Once again we circled for a position in which to run across that target from another direction and drop the incendiaries. As we started this second "run," I heard above the din of our motors three dull thuds directly underneath us—like heavy weights being dropped on a padded floor.

Three anti-aircraft shells had come unaccountably close and some bursting fragments scratched the under parts of our plane but did not do any appreciable damage or harm.

Having completed the second run, "Skipper" said over the intercom (intercommunication system) to the bomb-aimer: "Johnny, there's one fire down there that seems to be dying down. Let's start it up again."

Once again we took aim and streaked across that steadily-growing blaze.

"Bombs gone," announced Johnny when we had gotten across.

"Okay," said "Skipper."

Fires Looked Pretty Big

Exchanging places with the flight engineer, I sat beside the pilot, where I could get a really good view. Over my ear phones I heard him say: "Look at that one down on your right. It's going good."

I told him the right wing of the plane was in my way, whereupon he flipped the machine far over on its side, dipping the right wing out of my line of vision. He was right. The fire was "going good," and I couldn't help thinking of the fires I had seen in London during air raids and to picture what must be going on down below.

Unaccustomed to gauging bomb damage from the air, I cannot estimate how big an area was on fire while I was there, but it looked plenty big, and still more fires were to follow, because the plane was only at its half-way mark when we left the scene.

From many miles as we sped away from the Berlin district "Skipper" kept the plane diving and leaping upward, and weaving in and out. This is what is called "evasive tactics," designed to prevent ground spotters from making accurate observations of the plane's course and rendering it almost impossible for ground gunners to take sure aim.

Looking back, I saw what resembled a blast furnace in the distance. Inquiring how far away we were, I was told 40 miles. On we went.

"How far now?" I asked.

"Sixty miles," said Thompson.

# Tea and Chocolates

Homeward bound over Germany and German-occupied territory all hands kept a sharp lookout for, although there wasn't any anti-aircraft fire there was still the danger that some enemy night fighters might be lying in wait for us. None appeared. But several times I heard members of the crew report sighting planes in the distance straight ahead or to the starboard, to port, or astern. In each case, after a brief, wary examination, it was found by the gunners, engineer or pilot that "they're our kites going home."

Once over the sea again we descended to comparatively low level, where oxygen was no longer necessary.

"Who'll have some tea?" asked the flight engineer. There was an unanimous chorus of "I will."

Presently he was passing around thermos bottles of hot tea, cakes, chocolates and, most delicious of all, oranges.

By this time the conversation had resumed a normal tenor, with minor chit-chat about this and that I climbed up into the cockpit and stood behind the pilot.

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# BERLIN BOMBED FOR 2D NIGHT

Germans Make Two Weak Retaliatory Raids On London.

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planes in all, a much larger per centage, it was indicated, of the total number of planes involved than the German anti-aircraft defense achieved.

Of the weak Nazi retaliation, the air and home security ministries said in a joint communiqué:

"A few enemy bombers penetrated the outer defenses of London in two raids last night and early today. Ten enemy bombers were destroyed."

"There was some damage, but nowhere was it on a large scale, and it was mainly confined to houses. The number of casualties so far reported is not large."

It was believed many of the German raiders not shot down were damaged so badly they never crossed the channel to their bases. During the first raid, between 8 and 10 p. m., 25 to 30 planes headed for London. A number of these failed even to reach the city and the others caused only small damage.

The second raid was carried out by about the same number of planes between 4:30 and 6 a. m., but even fewer penetrated the outer defenses to range over London.

The air ministry's communiqué announcing the second attack on Berlin said:

"Berlin was again attacked by a strong force of our heavy bombers last night. A great load of bombs was dropped and at the end of the attack large fires were burning. Over the target area there was some clouds, but for most of the way our bombers flew in bright moonlight. 'Twenty-two of our bombers are missing.'"

# Weather Aids Nazis

Observers believed that the great difference between the number of British planes lost last night and last Saturday night—22 against one—had been at least partly due to the weather. Saturday night the British bombers flew all the way to Berlin above heavy cloud banks. Last night a bright moon created the condition most favorable for the operation of night fighters.

The air ministry gave no indication of the number of planes that engaged in either raid, although both forces were described as "heavy." In the past, "heavy" has meant anything from 300 to 500 planes, but more recently heavy has implied any number of planes exceeding 100.

# "Block Busters" Dropped

The air ministry announced that the first started by approximately 100 tons of bombs, including 8000-pound block busters, could be seen 100 miles Saturday night.

The Berlin radio said that British bombers penetrated the "area of the western Baltic" last night and "a small number reached the area of greater Berlin." These "few," it continued, dropped bombs "at random in residential quarters."

It said 25 planes had been shot down, three more than the British acknowledged. It claimed three planes downed Saturday night in the first raid on Berlin since Sept. 7, 1941.

German propagandists told their people that strong forces "hit the 'City' area of London with high explosive and incendiary bombs causing major damage, and 'many tons of high explosive and thousands of incendiary bombs caused vast destruction and fires' in south and east coast areas."

# Legislative Calendar

## SENATE

Bills Introduced Jan. 15

S. R. 40—(Reagan and O'Grady)—Amends state mining laws to include strip mines under safety requirements. (Mining and Mining.)

S. R. 41—(Penderburg)—Exempts lodge organizations and set up boards of aviation commissioners. (Cities and Towns.)

S. R. 42—(Garrett)—Permits banks to place decedents' accounts at disposal of courts during litigation. (Banks and Trusts.)

S. R. 43—(Shull)—Repeals 1923 law authorizing states to bond themselves for roads. (Roads.)

S. R. 44—(Thompson of Vandenberg)—Provides penalty of \$25 maximum and up to 60 days in jail for refusing to pay cash fare. (Railroads.)

S. R. 45—(Thompson of Vermillion)—Places government and United States senator under the direct primary. (Elections.)

Concurrent Resolution Introduced Jan. 15

S. C. R. 2—(Fleming)—Petitions congress to abolish poll tax requirements for voting in states where this is done. (Federal Affairs.)

Bill Passed Jan. 15

S. R. 38—(Garrett and Vermillion)—Provides that state employee using his car on state business shall receive in addition to regular 4 cents a mile, one cent for each passenger also on state business. (48 ayes, 9 noes.)

## HOUSE

Bills Introduced Jan. 15

H. R. 35—(Rughe)—Permits Indians to become a party to an interstate pact for co-operation in the conservation of natural gas and oil resources. (Interstate Cooperation.)

H. R. 36—(Newcom)—Provides that owners of real estate who have agreed to sell property to the federal government before March 1 of any year are relieved of property tax which would become a lien against it on that date. (Ways and Means.)

H. R. 37—(O'Connor)—Makes any title to real estate showing a complete chain of title for 40 years or more an inde- feasible title. Allows 90 days for persons having any interest in such property to bring action. (Judiciary A.)

H. R. 38—(Baker, Machling)—Places title under the mining act of 1920 (Mining and Mining.)

H. R. 39—(Harvey)—Includes cities of the 3d, 4th and 5th classes under act permitting second class cities to operate airports and set up boards of aviation commissioners. (Cities and Towns.)

H. R. 40—(Welch, Machling)—Extends to 1945 the right of real estate owners to redeem property put in the hands of a mortgagee for tax delinquency. (Judiciary A.)

H. R. 41—(Moore, Blackwell)—Requires township trustees to take care of having head of household rabbits tagged by state laboratories for examination and pay expense; permits recovery for farm animals which have died of rabies on affidavit from a veterinarian; returns bounty on excess \$50,000 in state dog fund to counties according to amounts paid in. (Agriculture.)

H. R. 42—(Clybourne, M. Downey)—Suspends for the duration laws limiting working hours, prohibiting work on Sunday and limiting night work for women. (Labor.)

H. R. 43—(Coppeland, Richards)—Appropriates \$7500 annually to be spent in helping disabled veterans and their families present claims to the federal government. (War and Navy.)

H. R. 44—(Hoover)—Permits men in the armed forces to execute and acknowledge legal instruments before a commissioned officer in their branches of service. (Interstate Cooperation.)

H. R. 45—(Baker, Machling)—Permits county school superintendents to transfer teachers from one township to another in emergencies provided written consent of the school board; provides that transferred teachers be regarded as on leave of absence and protect tenure rights in their own schools. (Education.)

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127 E. 42d

1434 N. Main (Speedway)

# Police Smash at Policy Games; 150 Arrested in Vice Raids

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policy tickets seized and John Banish, 25, held on charge of violating the slot machine act.

1535 Roosevelt ave., a pool room where 41 books of policy tickets were confiscated; Roy Devine, 47, held on a charge of operating a pool.

436 Tippecanoe st., Humphrey Cummings, 46, arrested on charges of violation of the beverage act.

877 Indiana ave., pool room where gambling equipment and baseball tickets were confiscated.

2702 N. West st., baseball tickets and policy books found.

Anderson rd. and Brookville ave., policy tickets seized.

2127 N. Illinois st., "Righthouse" pool room, lottery tickets found.

Monte Carlo smoker, 601 N. West st., four telephones, pool tickets and bell-buzzers confiscated.

## Many Tables Wrecked

1317 N. Senate, tickets and books seized.

1106 N. Senate ave., tables wrecked.

1108 N. Senate ave., dice and policy books taken.

1519 Yandes st., tables