

Dimout Ordered Extended Monday To All Areas Of U.S.

End Priority On Iron, Steel In Coal Crisis

Non-Union Strip Mines
Offered Federal Aid

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (U.P.)—Coal-saving restrictions pinched tighter throughout the nation today. The government pushed harder its program to conserve fast-dwindling coal stocks for the essentials of living.

With the country already under a freight embargo and other tight restrictions, the government yesterday took these further conservation steps:

ONE: Announced that the dimout of non-essential lighting would be extended on Monday to all areas of the country depending on coal-burning utilities.

TWO: Halted iron and steel priorities because of reduced supplies. This will hit the housing program hardest.

THREE: Commandered the bluminous coke supply for the most essential uses.

FOUR: Offered special assistance to strip mine operators in obtaining government-owned surplus mining equipment. Some non-union strip mines are still operating and it was hoped additional equipment would increase their production.

FIVE: Prohibited suppliers of electricity from using or disposing of any coal in excess of a 60 days supply.

SIX: Directed the army to turn over 250,000 tons of coal for civilian use.

Dimout Extended to All States

The dimout now applies in 21 states and the District of Columbia. The new order will extend it to every state in the nation.

There are about 12 states which use fuel other than coal for power and these will not be affected appreciably. But even in these states, any isolated areas which have coal-burning utilities will be placed under dimout restrictions.

The extension mainly will affect the southeastern states, which had been free of restrictions heretofore because of the hydro-electric facilities which supplement coal-generated power plants in those areas.

Now, however, hydro-electric power will be siphoned from the southeast to the northern coastal states and the southeast will go on short power rations.

Mother Knelt With Children'

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"Girls in Blue" and "Song of the South" at nearby movie houses. A gala world premiere of "Song of the South" was held here a few weeks ago.

Cotton mattresses smoldered. But some curtains still fluttered unscathed out the paneless windows.

Every wall was burned off to the tile base. Every mirror had shattered under the heat. Water ran ankle deep through every corridor. Stalled elevators hung at crazy angles.

And the starker tragedy of them all—a woman and her three small children in a bathroom. She had knelt in fetal prayer with her children clutching at her nightrobe. They could have been sculptured.

Four baby-sis girls were found in a single room. The only mark on them was the horror on their faces. Pitiful evidence of somebody's temporary residence was found in every room. A pair of nylons hung over a dresser. A box full of children's Christmas playthings and the little toy soldiers were covered with soot.

INDIANAPOLIS CLEARING HOUSE
—For the Day
Clearings \$ 7,012,000
Debits 18,150,000
Clearings \$45,872,000
Debits 129,765,000

KEENE DRUG STORES
PRSCRIPTIONS

TERRE HAUTE CONFERENCES
ON INDIANA PLAN FRUITLESS

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He had no comment on a suggestion by Mr. Kern that he ask national union heads for such authority and it was inferred he had refused to take such action.

Mr. Cartwright had no statement.

Wartime Curb Come Back

As coal stocks dwindled in Indiana emergency measures reminiscent of wartime were imposed on thousands of Hoosiers.

Logansport went under stringent dim-out orders. Monticello schools were closed until further notice. Lafayette found coal rationing possible but not immediately.

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