

8000 Hoosier Miners Join 6-Day Nationwide Holiday

District Head Denies Move Is a Walkout

Start Back to Work Sunday Midnight

More than 8000 Hoosier coal miners were off work today joining 400,000 United Mine Workers in a nationwide six-day holiday in memory of the victims of the Centalla, Ill., mine disaster.

The memorial holiday, ordered by John L. Lewis, began at midnight under a little-known clause in the A. F. of L. mine workers' contract. Louis Austin, president of district 11, U. M. W., said it was the first time the clause permitting a nationwide observance in such cases had been invoked.

Mr. Austin's headquarters are at Terre Haute. He emphasized that the work stoppage was in no sense a "walkout in anger," and indicated that in the long run coal production would be no worse than if the miners had stayed at work. The unenviable effect of a disaster like the one in the Centalla mines spreads to every coal field, he said, and can seriously impair any individual's productive capacity.

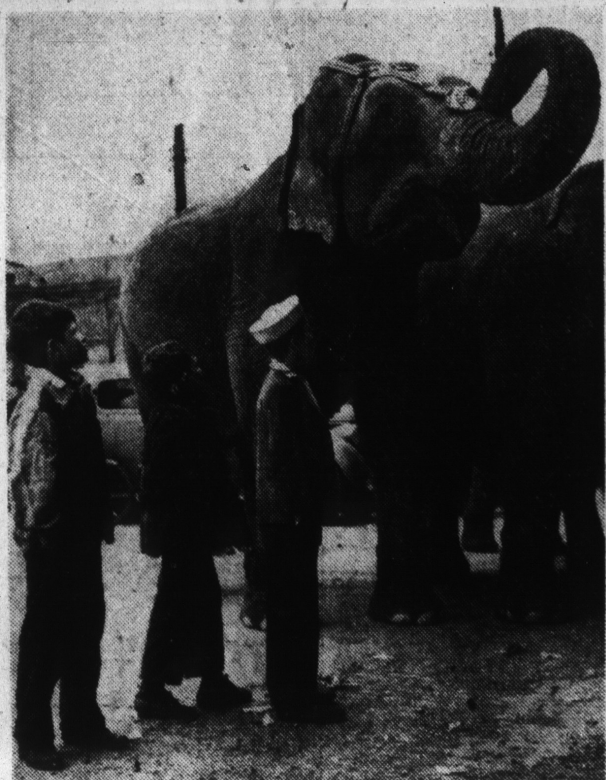
2000 'Jump Gun'
An estimated 2000 miners in seven deep shaft mines in the state "jumped the gun" on the holiday yesterday. By this morning stoppage was virtually complete in 80 Indiana deep and strip mines.

The miners have been ordered to start back to work beginning with shifts that come on at midnight Sunday. C. C. Lydick, managing director of the Indiana Coal Trades association, estimated production loss during the memorial holiday would be around 220,000 tons. Normal production for a six-day period would be about 660,000 tons but much of that would have been lost anyway because of regular miner holidays falling this week.

Stock Piles Adequate
Today is "John Mitchell day" for miners who celebrate it in honor of the former U. M. W. president who established the eight-hour day.

Many miners also would be off work for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Saturday production usually is about half that of a normal day, mine officials pointed out. No industries were expected to suffer seriously from the mine holiday because they have reasonably large stock piles built up since the last industry-wide strike was called off last fall.

Meanwhile, State Mine Inspector Griffith Morris reported that Indiana's 45 underground mines were in "good condition." Indiana has not had a mine disaster since 1941 when 14 men died in the Panhandle mine near Becknell.



LIVING TRADEMARK—Elephants are the living trademark of any circus. Here Lena, of the Shrine-Polack Bros. circus, looks her glamorous best for admiring youngsters in the alley back of the Murat before show time.



POPCORN'S GOOD—Phyllis Ann Robbins, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robbins of French Lick, working away on bag of popcorn in the Murat theater lobby during intermission of the show.

Urge Prosecution Of Communists

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U.P.)—The house un-American activities committee today asked prosecution of the Communist party and its officials on charges of failing to register as agents of a foreign government.

The request was made by Committee Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R. N. J.) in a letter to Attorney General Tom C. Clark. Justice department spokesmen said the attorney general was studying the letter. They made no further comment.

Mr. Thomas said the party and its officials should be indicted under both the McCormack act and the Voorhis act. Registration Required
The former requires registration of all agents of foreign governments. The latter requires similar registration of any organization whose aim is the seizure or overthrow of this government by force.

Mr. Thomas' letter said that the committee's week-long hearings on legislation to outlaw or curb the American Communist party indicated that the party and its agents "are acting in the interest of a foreign government."

He said FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover was one of the witnesses testifying to that effect.



WATCHING ACROBATS—Times' Photographer John Spicklemire caught this candid shot of two youngsters watching the Aerial Ballet early in yesterday's matinee.



CLOWNS, NOW—The camera records amusement in the faces of two young members of yesterday's matinee audience when clowns were performing.

Small Fry Howl Approval At Shrine Circus Here

Polack Bros. Performers at Murat Theater Offer 20 Fast-Moving Acts

By HENRY BUTLER
Kids' laughter is the genuine thing. A lot of it resounded in the Murat theater yesterday afternoon when the Shrine-Polack Bros. circus opened its two-week run of 36 scheduled performances.

Busily munching popcorn, the youngsters intently watched the colorful, fast-moving variety show. They hooted and whistled approval of clowns, elephants, bareback riders, acrobats, jugglers—all the traditional circus stuff. They got a big kick out of the ridiculous antics of the Black Bros., tramp comedians and acrobats; the incredible bareback somersaulting act put on by the Justino Loyal troupe; the amazing juggling of the Five Willys, whose finale is done with lighted torches.

Has Dash, Daring
This year's circus, which includes such familiar items as Capt. Emil Pallenberg's motorcycle-riding bear, has ample dash and daring in its 20 acts. Mme. Malakova making the audience dizzy with her high-wire bicycle balancing, the aerial ballet, the Erickson Bros., rugged muscled gymnasts, the Delbosqs and "Serenado," their dancing horse—these are samples of the varied program.

Among yesterday's matinee audience were 76 boys and girls from the Masonic Home at Franklin, marking the start of a Shrine program to bring more than 10,000 children to the circus as guests of local organizations.

Arrangements have been made to bring every boy and girl to the theater from Indianapolis hospitals, orphanages and other institutions and to give every underprivileged child in the city a free ticket.

Parade on Tomorrow
The circus will be on parade through the downtown area beginning at 12:15 p. m. tomorrow, headed by the Murat Temple marching band. Other organizations in the line of march will include the Murat Oriental band, the Arab patrol, the Chanters, the Ceremonial directors, the Gun squad, Drum corps, Harlan Bros. Hawaiian band and the recently organized Murat Horse patrol in its first public appearance.

From the Murat, the parade route will be southwest on Massachusetts ave. to Pennsylvania st.; south on Pennsylvania to Market st.; west to the circle, north on Meridian to Michigan, and east on Michigan back to the Murat.

Landis Introduces Bill To Shut Unsafe Mines
Times' Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 1.—Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R. Ind.) ranking majority member of the house labor committee today introduced an amendment to the mine safety law which would empower a federal inspector to close a mine found unsafe.

Such action would have prevented the Centalla disaster, Mr. Landis contends. In presenting the amendment, he made a speech in the house urging reduction of the miners working day from the present nine hours to eight.

School Board Campaign Opens

The Citizens School committee's campaign to elect members of the school board on a nonpartisan basis was under way today.

It opened last night with selection of an executive committee at the Hotel Lincoln.

Superior Court Judge John L. Niblack started the meeting and turned it over to Leo M. Rappaport as temporary chairman.

Mr. Rappaport said it was the committee's purpose to continue "the high standards of the school board which have obtained since the Citizens School committee first came into being in 1930."

No Debt to Committee
No elected member will owe any debt to the committee, its members or any special group, he said. It will not be swayed by demands of special groups, whether racial, social or religious, but will choose candidates on the basis of merit alone, he said.

Elected to membership on the executive committee were: Gregg Ransburg, Dr. Sumner Furness, Ralph Swingle, Robert Lee Brockenburr, Harry Lee, Ralph W. Lister, Leo M. Rappaport, John L. Niblack, Mrs. Clayton H. Ridge, Mrs. Frank Riemann, Thomas D. Sherin, Orie M. Shotwell, Mrs. C. H. Schowmeyer, Thomas D. Scanlon, Mrs. Virgil R. By, Mrs. C. D. Vawter, Carl Bruce, John A. Brubaker, Lowell Craig, Robert E. C. Robbins, Mrs. Cecilia Simon, Mrs. Josie Jacob.

INDIANA WOMAN IS 101
ORLEANS, Ind., April 1 (U.P.)—Mrs. Martha McIver, a native of Monroe county Kentucky, today celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary at the home of a son here. Her husband was a volunteer in the Civil war.

MARCO POLO OPENED EAST
WASHINGTON—The western world's interest in the Orient dates from the days of Marco Polo; the early interest was in the Orient's tea, spices and silk.

'Franco Monarchy' Meets Criticism

Viewed as Move To Assure Own Rule

By FRANK BREESE
United Press Staff Correspondent
MADRID, April 1.—Spanish monarchist quarters today described Generalissimo Francisco Franco's plan for eventual restoration of the monarchy as "totally unacceptable."

The monarchists based their denunciation of Franco's move to establish a regency council on three grounds:

ONE: It allows Generalissimo Franco to remain in power as chief of state for the rest of his life, it he so desires.

TWO: It imposes physical and legal qualifications and obligations upon any eventual monarch.

THREE: It provides for preservation of the Franco regime's work, such as the Falange and the Franco laws.

Cortes to Approve
The Caudillo announced his proposed law to the nation by radio last night. He will submit it to the Cortes (parliament) for formal approval.

Madrid monarchist quarters viewed Generalissimo Franco's announcement as a move to forestall any immediate monarchist maneuver to effect a restoration, and as a step to assure his own grip on power.

The proposed law establishes a nine-man regency council under the Caudillo's direction. It specifies that Spain is a monarchist state and that Generalissimo Franco is chief of state.

Age Requirement Set
If Generalissimo Franco dies, is incapacitated or decides to choose a successor, the regency council will designate as the new chief of state "a person of royal blood" most qualified.

The new ruler must be 30 years old, Spanish and a Catholic. Don Juan—pretender to the Spanish throne and now living in Lisbon—is 33. If no such person is available, the council is to name a regent. The Cortes must approve the council's choice by a two-thirds vote.

The new ruler, moreover, must swear to uphold the basic laws of Spain—that is, the fundamental laws passed by the Franco regime.

Britain Insists Franco Get Out

LONDON, April 1 (U.P.)—A foreign office spokesman said today that the only concession in Spain would be acceptable to Great Britain would be the disappearance of Generalissimo Francisco Franco and his regime.

The spokesman said the foreign office held the view that Generalissimo Franco could not commit the Spanish people to any regime, and it was up to the people to decide for themselves.

Spanish republican leaders here

Display Gems At Kay Jewelry



GEM EXPERT—Miss Susanne Steinem models an earring from the half-million dollar display she will supervise at Kay jewelry store tomorrow through Saturday.

Featured will be star sapphires, diamond bracelets and carved emeralds.

Miss Steinem will operate a diamond-cutting wheel, showing the actual operation which takes place between the rough and finished stones.

She will explain various technical aspects of diamond cutting and polishing and tell stories about the histories and superstitions surrounding various gems.

Hedy Lamarr Gaining
HOLLYWOOD, April 1 (U.P.)—Actress Hedy Lamarr is "well on the road to recovery" from a week-long attack of bronchial pneumonia, her physician, Dr. Hans Schiff, said today.

The actress was stricken shortly after the Caesarean birth of her second baby, Anthony John, a month ago.

Her husband, Actor John Loder, is in New York rehearsing for a stage role.

Doubt Changes
Observers in several European capitals doubted that it would lead to any important change soon in the Spanish leadership.

A Moscow dispatch from Walter Cronkite, United Press correspondent, said the Russians took a cynical view of the Franco plans.

The Soviets contend that nothing less than re-establishment of the Spanish republic will satisfy the Spanish masses.

Circles close to the pretender Don Juan in Lisbon suggested that Generalissimo Franco would try to bar Juan from the Spanish throne by establishing a regency during the minority of the Prince of the Asturias, Juan's son.

Pro-Soviet Bias Laid to Probers

U. N. to Air Actions Of Balkan Group

By ROBERT MANNING
United Press Staff Correspondent
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 1.—United Nations personnel on the security council's Balkans investigating commission will get a chance to answer widely-circulated charges that they are guilty of pro-Russian bias, it was learned today.

The accusations have been tossed about in United Nations circles and in some instances have reached print.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie, himself the target of some of the criticism, will notify the Balkans secretariat of the charges. They include allegations of active meddling in favor of Soviet members of the Balkans commission and even tampering with official documents and altering dates on official letters.

"Smear" Is Charged
Mr. Lie's aides, it was learned, believe the charges are part of a "smear campaign" directed against the portly Norwegian who is chief of the 55-nation world peace organization.

They are under strict orders from Mr. Lie, however, to keep silent and let the rumors take their course.

There have been unofficial suggestions that some of the talk emanated from the U. S. department of state, where there reportedly are some persons critical of the United Nations chief.

The Americans pointed out that only last week President Truman went out of his way to commend Mr. Lie personally for "the strong and steadfast manner" in which he had taken over as "the impartial servant" of the 55 nations.

Red Viewpoint Seen
The sense of most of the charges aimed at Mr. Lie and some of his appointees in the 2800-person secretariat has been that they are inclined to favor the Soviet point of view.

They point out that the United Nations payroll is bound to carry some persons with a pro-Soviet bias because the Soviet Union is one of the Big Five and entitled to representation on the secretariat.

They hasten to point out that the payroll carries far more Americans and Britons than Russians.

Actor's Estate to Widow
HOLLYWOOD, April 1 (U.P.)—Veteran Actor Ben Webster, who died Feb. 26 at the age of 82, left his estate to his widow, Actress Dame Bay Whitty. His will was filed today.

Attorney George Breslin estimated the California property of the estate was worth \$60,000, but he did not know the worth of securities in England, where Mr. Webster was the "dean of the theater."

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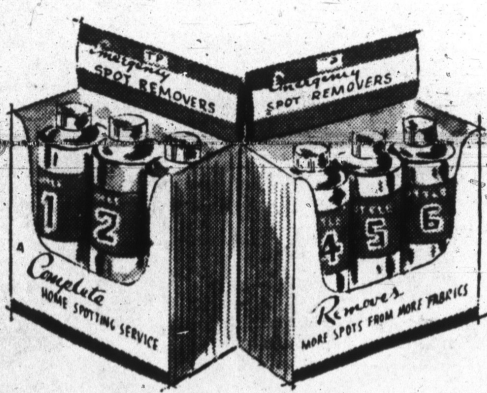
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