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Truman Delays Direct Action In Coal Strike

President's Move Surprises Board

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UPI)—President Truman today delayed direct government action to halt the coal strike, apparently in the hope that John L. Lewis and the mine operators can settle their own dispute.

This surprise development came immediately after a fact-finding board reported to Mr. Truman on the 17-day walkout. The board blamed the strike primarily on Mr. Lewis and his United Mine Workers.

Up to that moment, the word was that Mr. Truman would seek a strike-stopping injunction almost immediately after he received the board's report.

But something happened to alter that action.

Refuses to Answer

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross would say only that Mr. Truman had decided not to make the report public immediately "because he desires to study it and a large mass of supporting documents."

Mr. Ross refused to answer a question whether Mr. Truman had received word from Mr. Lewis and the operators that they may try to settle the pension dispute among themselves.

Mr. Lewis and the operators had told the board at separate hearings that the dispute could be settled by direct negotiation between the parties. But they never made the offer directly to each other at the board hearings.

A source close to the fact-finding board said Mr. Truman's move was unexpected. He said the board had gone to the White House expecting that Mr. Truman would make its report public immediately and thus clear the way for getting an injunction to halt the strike.

Instead, Mr. Truman decided not to make the report public until after he returns Saturday from a trip to Williamsburg, Va.

Industry sources said they thought the President's move was a "play for time" in the hope that Mr. Lewis would order his miners back to work rather than risk an injunction fight.

There was no immediate reaction from union sources.

Mr. Ross told reporters that "consideration is being given to the next step."

Burden on Lewis

He made the statement in reply to questions whether the White House could start injunction proceedings without first making the report public.

The Taft-Hartley law empowers the President to seek an injunction to prevent or halt—for at least 80 days—a strike which imperils the national welfare or safety.

The board's report was understood to be critical of both sides but blaming Mr. Lewis for the strike.

It also was understood that the report advised Mr. Lewis that the work stoppage is in fact a strike imperiling the national welfare and safety. Such an appraisal would clear the way, under the Taft-Hartley law, for the President to seek an immediate injunction.

Board Chairman Sherman Minton told reporters as he and the other two board members left the White House that their report was "very short."

Russ Tighten Up On Berlin Travel

BERLIN, Mar. 31 (UPI)—Russia informed the three western powers in Berlin today that a rigid inspection system of travel would be started tomorrow.

The Russians sent identical letters to the American, British and French chiefs of staff.

The letters were signed by Lt. Gen. Mikhail Dratin, deputy Soviet military governor. The western powers were told that the Russians intended to inspect both freight and passenger trains leaving Berlin.

All American, British and French nationals who are employed by the western military organizations will be required to produce documents certifying their identity and the nature of the job they hold.

Czechs Object to France

PRAGUE, Mar. 31 (UPI)—The Czechoslovak government announced today that it has demanded the recall of French embassy officials who are alleged to have "organized" the attempted escape by plane from this country of two opposition leaders.

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THE BAILEYS—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailey, 520 Perry St., have 13 children. It's a job to get them together at one time. After two hours of gathering, only nine could be rounded up. Shown are (left to right) Patricia, Maurice, Beverly, Mrs. Bailey, Bernette, Barbara, Donna Kay, Mr. Bailey, Delores, Darlene and Bruce. Missing from the picture are Elmer Jr., Harry, Donald and Theresea.

Radical Traffic Changes Studied

Cars, Pedestrians, Buses to Be Affected

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG
Indians' traffic system will undergo a number of radical changes if the Safety Board adopts the plans it discussed today.

Changes would affect truck routes, public conveyances, passenger cars and pedestrians.

The meeting followed a call by Mayor Al Feeney and the Safety Board for suggestions from the police traffic department which might solve the city's mobile problems.

Police Chief Edward D. Rous submitted a lengthy report of "suggestions" to the Safety Board and Mayor this morning.

Proposals Listed

Here are some of the proposals:

Truck routes would be changed to keep the heavy vehicles out of the congested downtown area as much as possible. Traffic officers feel there is too much travel on Washington St. All cars, buses and trolleys would pass through the mile square on Washington St. without making a right or left turn at any of the intersections.

The officials feel that persons using public conveyances must be asked to walk a little farther to loading zones. Consequently it is planned to eliminate bus stops on the Circle. Public vehicles will be so routed that they loop around before reaching the center of the city.

It was suggested that cab stands be abolished since it is felt they are no longer needed in view of the cab companies' present communication systems.

Want New Train Schedules

To afford more transportation to the downtown area for workers who live in the outlying neighborhoods, it was proposed that city officials interest railroads in inaugurating suburban train schedules.

Parking meters were suggested for congested points downtown and in neighborhoods. The police asked for broader tow-in ordinance to assist them in enforcing parking regulations.

Right turns on red lights would be permitted at many points. The lights would be controlled by the police.

More one-way streets were proposed.

In order to give police more intensive in making arrests of traffic violators, it was suggested that police be paid for time they spend in court prosecuting the cases. Officers now spending free time in court receive no pay for it.

Safety Board members intend to give the report considerable study preparatory to adopting many or all of the suggestions.

How to Rear Children—Ask Parents With 13

The Baileys Live in 4-Room House, Food Is Bought in Case Lots, Bill Is \$50 a Week

By VICTOR PETERSON

IF YOU THINK you have problems rearing an only child, two, three or even four, take heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailey, 520 Perry St., can give parents pointers. They are mighty proud of their 13 children ranging from 16 years to five days.

The Baileys believe in large families, but they had no idea they would break into print because of their flock. They did, Saturday, however, when the latest addition arrived. The doctor couldn't get to the home on time.

DEPUTY SHERIFFES were called and assisted in the birth of Bernette. She is the 14th child, all of whom were born at home. Only one, Gerald, died.

Mrs. Bailey is 34, her husband, 38. They have been married 17 years and are natives of Indianapolis. Mrs. Bailey is one of 10 children, Mr. Bailey one of 11.

"We just have done the folks a few better," they said.

The Baileys planned a large family, but it has grown a bit more than anticipated. They live in a four-room house with the children sleeping in double and triple-decker bunk beds.

"I GUESS I'm going to have to add on another room this summer," Mr. Bailey said. He is a general handyman and does contract hauling.

And in these days of inflation, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey do a masterful job stretching the American dollar which was not guaranteed pre-shrunk.

"We buy sturdy, not fancy clothes and they do for one youngster after another," Mrs. Bailey said. "Shoes are a prob-

lem, the way children wear them out. We have found a place where rejected shoes are sold cheaply. They are good shoes but maybe the heels are a different make or the soles a different color."

"THEY GET all the whole-some food they need," Mr. Bailey said looking over his family, all of whom are well filled out. "But again, we do not buy the highest priced meats and richest foods on the market."

Even so, the family food bill runs \$50 a week. That must come out of the average weekly earnings of \$70. For example, the children drink five quarts of milk a day and eat four loaves of bread. One-hundred-pound sack of potatoes disappears each week and canned goods are bought by the case.

MANY OF the household duties are taken over by the older children, and the two oldest boys, Elmer Jr., 16, and Harry, 15, help out financially by working.

The other children are Delores, 14; Donald, 13; Maurice, 11; Barbara, 9; Patricia, 7; Beverly, 5; Theresia, 4; Bruce, 3; Donna Kay, 2; Darlene, 1, and Baby Bernette.

"That's all. We've got our family. Bernette is the caboose," Mr. Bailey said.

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"We're beginning to see daylight," Mr. Bailey said. He is a general handyman and does contract hauling.

That was the word in Coatesville today as the last of the streets and county highway approaches to the tornado-smashed town were cleared of tree limbs and building debris.

More than 250 workers, including 150 prisoners from the Indiana State Farm, went back to work this morning in a cold, driving rain. Volunteer workers from Hendricks County, 50 Boy Scouts and State Highway Department personnel were operating bulldozers and other heavy moving equipment under the direction of Maj. William P. Carpenter, State Highway Department Director.

Plans for Rebuilding

Mark Hadley, Coatesville Town Board member and chairman of the committee, called a meeting of citizens and business interests this afternoon to work out a plan for financing rebuilding the town's wrecked power system.

Coatesville received power from the Public Service Co. of Indiana, but distributed it through its own, municipally owned system.

The task of putting the distribution lines back into commission involves a greater expenditure than the town can absorb, just now, he said. Some kind of financial help will be necessary to take any mass volunteer aid.

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