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## Truman Delays Direct Action In Coal Strike

### President's Move Surprises Board

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UP)—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 refuses 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—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.



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 Theresa.

## Radical Traffic Changes Studied

### Cars, Pedestrians, Busses to Be Affected

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Indianapolis' 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 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, busses and trolleys would pass through the mile square on Washington St. without making 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 railroad officials in inaugurating suburban train schedules.

Parking meters were suggested for congested points downtown. 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 erection of traffic towers to control a series of automatic signals along main arteries such as Washington St. was also suggested.

More one-way streets were proposed. In order to give police more incentive 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.

## 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 18 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 SHERIFFS 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 makeshift job stretching the dollar. Mr. Bailey said, "Shoes are a problem."

"We buy sturdy, not fancy, clothes and they do for one youngster after another," Mrs. Bailey said. "That's all. We've got our family. Bernette is the caboose," Mr. Bailey said.

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; Theresa, 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.

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, he said.

## A-Bomb Supply Called 'Adequate'

### Board Reveals Secret Data to House Group

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UP)—Rep. Frank B. Keefe (R-Wis.) said today that the United States has "an adequate supply" of atomic bombs.

Mr. Keefe said he based his conclusion on testimony presented in behalf of the Atomic Energy Commission Feb. 28 at a closed session of a House Appropriations Subcommittee. The testimony did not include any statement as to the precise number of bombs on hand, it was said.

Offered by Lillenthal The commission's testimony, which was deleted from a transcript of the House hearing, was presented by Chairman David E. Lillenthal.

Rep. Keefe, a member of the subcommittee, said he concluded from Mr. Lillenthal's statement that "we have an adequate supply of bombs already manufactured. I am satisfied that the atomic program is proceeding in the interest of the protection of America."

Other subcommittee members said privately they were impressed with the Atomic Energy Commission's work. Mr. Keefe refused to quote Mr. Lillenthal directly on the possibility that other nations may possess the bomb. But he said the testimony indicated it is still an American monopoly.

## Downtown Lashed By Hail, Rain

### LOCAL TEMPERATURES

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A terrific hail and rain storm lashed the downtown district at noon today. But unlike the past two storms there was no property damage reported.

Office workers in the face of gale-like winds scurried into building doorways. Rain ran over the curbs at most downtown corners as sewers were unable to handle the torrents of water.

Volunteer Aid The Boy Scouts were working this morning on clearing the wrecked Rumley Farm northeast of town.

## A MAJOR RACKET THRIVES—

# 400 Bootleg Taxis Roaming Streets Here

## Rebels Bomb Capital Palace In Costa Rica

### DC-3 Captured From TACA Lines

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Mar. 31 (UP)—Rebel forces bombed this Costa Rican capital today for the first time.

The rebels used an American DC-3 transport plane captured from TACA airlines to drop one bomb and shower down leaflets promising more attacks.

Witnesses said the bomb hit a wing of the presidential palace, causing a fire, and showered houses within a block with fragments. It was not believed that anyone was injured.

The plane used was one of three captured by the rebels at San Isidro Airfield early in the fighting.

Forebly Entered The leaflets dropped from the plane were entitled "First outline of the army of liberation," and were dated at San Isidro, Mar. 31.

They said today's bombing was "Our first visit to San Jose, mecca of communism," and indicated that more bombings were planned.

Government security police last night forcibly entered the home of A. K. Stryer, an American embassy worker, but were prevented from making any thorough search by the quick personal intervention of U. S. Ambassador Nathaniel P. Davis.

## Named Grid Coach For IU Freshmen

### BLOOMINGTON, Mar. 31—Ap

pointment of Edward G. (Ted) Wherrett, athletic director and head football coach at Superior (Wis.) State Teachers College, as Indiana University's new head freshman gridiron mentor, was announced here today by Athletic Director Paul (Pooch) Harrell.

Wherrett, joins the Indiana staff upon the recommendation of Clyde B. Smith, the Hoosiers' new head grid coach.

## 5000 Yanks Plan Parade in Trieste

### TRIESTE, Mar. 31 (UP)—Maj.

Gen. Bryant Moore, commanding the 5000 American troops in Trieste, announced today that his men will march in full field equipment through the streets of the city Apr. 6, United States Army Day.

## Crawley to Get Truth Serum Test In Nurse Slaying

THE "TRUTH SERUM" test will be given to Samuel Crawley, suspected slayer of nurse Alberta Green, today.

Crawley and his family gave their consent to the test shortly before noon today.

Crawley, who has been in jail 17 months for an attempted murder similar to the nurse slaying, gave consent as late as yesterday, stipulating his sister, Mary Ellen Andrews, Buffalo, N.Y., must be present. The sister arrived this morning and immediately attempted to halt the test.

The 24-year-old man asked for the test originally a week ago after a similar test was given to Ralph Lobaugh, who was convicted of the slaying of three Ft. Wayne women.

## Jury to Probe Bain-Stark Feud

### Ask for Records Of Bar Association

The Grand Jury has issued subpoenas for an investigation into the recent court feud between Judge W. D. Bain of Criminal Court 1 and Prosecutor Judson L. Stark's office, it was learned today.

The subpoenas were issued to Indianapolis Bar Association officials to bring before the jury records and transcripts of the bar's recent probe into the feud.

The bar association's investigation grew out of Judge Bain's action in stopping the trial of a manslaughter case after deputy prosecutors accused the judge of showing "partiality" in his rulings.

"Equally to Blame" The bar's report stated that both Judge Bain and Prosecutor Stark were "equally to blame" for the friction and recommended the two officials "patch up" their differences. The bar's report added that it found no evidence of "partiality" on the part of the court.

Alan Boyd, president of the Bar Association, said he didn't know what was behind the grand jury's action.

"But if the prosecutor's office wants to 'take on' the bar we can make it interesting," Mr. Boyd said.

Prosecutor Stark said he knew about the subpoenas being issued, but that his deputy, John Dally, was "handling the case."

Declines Comment Mr. Dally declined to comment on the action "at this time."

## Cabs Lacking Permits, Cater To Underworld

### Serve as Commercial Carriers of Vice

First of a Series

By KENNETH HUFFORD

Bootleg taxicabs have grown into a major racket in Indianapolis.

Mystery fleets totaling 300 to 400 unlicensed cabs roam the streets by night, providing transportation to the City's underworld and serving as commercial carriers of vice.

The bootleg cab is a private automobile usually owned by some petty underworld chieftain who rents it out to a driver on a commission basis.

It looks like any other private passenger automobile except for extras, like "cat-tails, dual horns, spotlights, dual radio aerials and foglights."

Keeps on Move It is driven by a "boot" who keeps his eyes moving from side to side scanning the sidewalks for prospective clients whom he charges what the traffic will bear.

He drives continually as though in a desperate rush to get somewhere, ignores traffic signals, cuts in and out of the line of traffic and offers an element of danger to the "legitimate" taxicab.

"The boot" carries no insurance. If he hits you, he flees. Since he rents his cab, he has no recent action in stopping the trial of a manslaughter case after deputy prosecutors accused the judge of showing "partiality" in his rulings.

Cause Behind Bootleg Cabs The bootleg cab exists because of the restrictions on licensing cabs operated by Negroes and also because of discrimination in picking up Negro passengers by drivers for major taxicab concerns.

Of the 445 taxicab licenses issued at City Hall, only 40 are for Negro-operated cabs. The result is the unregulated bootleg cab system.

It operates beyond the law. Although it meets the need of citizens who cannot get licensed cab service, it also caters to underworld where profits are more lucrative.

The bootleg cab has no meter. The driver may be a thug. He does not have to submit to investigation since he has no cab license.

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