

Schricker Denies He'll Call National Guard To Operate Coal Mines

Recalls 1921 When Militia Dug 2 Carloads In 3 Weeks; Prefers Diplomacy

United Mine Worker boss John L. Lewis once warned Indiana "You can't dig coal with bayonets."

Gov. Schricker still vividly recalls how martial law failed in the state's first coal crisis. And he's not likely to try it.

The year was 1921. A coal strike cut the state fuel output to a trickle. Gov. James Putnam Goodrich sought to "keep Indiana warm" and, in desperation, ordered the militia to take over the mines.

Didn't Dig Much

National Guard troops, with full field packs, shovels and fixed bayonets, rushed to the mine fields. Three long weeks of digging and the militia came up with two carloads of coal which union railroads refused to haul.

That was the year John L. Lewis made his weight felt on Indiana for the first time. It marked his rise on the national scene as a "powerful labor leader."

The coal crisis in Indiana last week moved along almost the same lines as the 1921 soft coal strike. But Gov. Schricker, badged on all sides, quietly went about the task of obtaining fuel for coal-hungry Indiana.

For a full week, telegrams, appeals and letters flooded the Governor's office.

Mine owners suggested operation under police protection. Union officials urged him to fight the coal operators. Cries of "send coal" resounded from Vincennes to South Bend. And, in Washington, government officials accused the Governor of "playing politics."

The Governor responded by urging his emergency-created Fuel Commission to locate more than 10,000 tons of coal to be shipped to hard pressed Hoosier cities and towns and requested city officials to create coal ration boards.

Declared Emergency

He declared a state of emergency existed and urged the co-operation of unions, coal operators, city officials and the federal government.

The Governor's strategy paid off in part even as the soft coal strike went into its 50th day.

No one could accuse the state of "Too Little, Too Late" tactics. The Governor's State Labor Division chief, Thomas R. Huston, an oldtime coal miner and friend of UMW boss Lewis, took over the state's coal efforts.

He pleaded, cajoled and demanded union and management settle their differences while his staff toured the state in search of coal stockpiles.

The state failed to settle the coal strike in Indiana but, so far, hospitals, utilities and home owners were still able to keep warm with coal supplied by the Fuel Commission.

The commission located nearly 10,000 tons of coal—mostly in railroad cars and at mine stockpiles—and began distributing the scarce fuel where it was needed most.

Without fanfare, the state had agreed to guarantee payment of all coal shipments to needy cities and towns upon approval of the Fuel Commission.

Goes The Limit

Despite empty coal yards and the approach of winter weather, Gov. Schricker said he could go no further. He said flatly: "I will not call out the Guard. What good would it do? They aren't coal miners."

A report that the state was studying plans to order out the militia was termed "absolutely untrue" by the Governor.

He expressed disappointment that the mine owners and union leaders were unable to negotiate a separate peace pact in Indiana and pinned his hopes on federal mediation.

By carefully taking no sides in the issue, the Governor still had an ace up his sleeve if federal mediation fails—the reopening of one or more mines.

A qualified Statehouse official said the Governor had "an understanding" with John L. Lewis that sufficient coal will be allowed to be mined for utility and state institutions.

DEMONSTRATIONS

There'll be a demonstration in your neighborhood sometime soon.

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HOMECRAFT POWER TOOLS

Dates presently scheduled:

★ November 10, 11 and 12

★ November 17, 18 and 19

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Scene as Car-Truck Crash Killed One on Road 37



One man was killed and two hurt when this car smashed into a trailer-truck at 86th St. and Allisonville Rd. last night and burst into flames.

Lewis Publishes Mine Fund Audit

Accountants Find Control 'Excellent'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (UP)—

John L. Lewis made public today a cash audit of his United Mine Workers Welfare Fund, the administration of which has been criticized in court by a miner and has caused one trustee to resign.

The audit, submitted by Wayne Kendrick & Co., certified public accountants, reported the fund's bank balance on June 30 as \$29,424,750.28.

The auditors said the fund's system of "internal control" is "excellent" and that "all expenditures made during the period under review have been made with the approval of a majority of the trustees."

Covers Fiscal Year

The audit covered the fiscal year which began July 1, 1948.

The audit shed some light on a suit filed in federal court against the trustees by George H. Livingood, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, miner. He said they have "dissipated" the fund.

Ezra Van Horn, resigned operators trustee, later joined Mr. Livingood's suit and asked that Mr. Bridges and Mr. Lewis be held responsible for any improper payments.

Payments were suspended in mid-September after some Southern coal producers stopped making their 20-cent-a-ton royalty payments to it.

The audit showed benefit payments of \$104,765,000 and expenses of \$1,684,000.

Parents Ask All-U. S. To Help Hunt Daughter

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (UP)—

The parents of 13-year-old Lucille Gray asked the nation to night to help them find their daughter.

The girl disappeared a week ago. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Gray, have no idea where she went, except "West."

They said she always wanted to see the horses, cowboys, and ranches of the West.

Her consultant, a civilian expert consultant for the Army, was on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff in Tokyo when he was informed of his daughter's disappearance. He made a 31-hour flight to Washington to search for the girl.

The girl is 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, and has dark brown hair, blue eyes, and a small scar on the left cheek. She had \$15 when she left.

Boy in U. S. Only Few Weeks Killed by Auto

AUBURN, Nov. 5 (UP)—The 7-year-old son of a displaced persons family which came to this country a few weeks ago was fatally injured near here today.

Francis Jastrzembski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jastrzembski, died shortly after the accident in Sander Hospital. He suffered a fractured skull, shock and internal injuries when struck by an automobile operated by Lyman Steele of Waterloo.

The youth was en route to mass. His family, all formerly imprisoned in a German concentration camp during the war, came to the U. S. in September.

GUARD CHINESE EMBASSY

PARIS, Nov. 5 (UP)—French police guarded the Chinese embassy today against Communists.

Embassy personnel after fist fights broke out between diplomats loyal to the Nationalists and those who switched their allegiance to Mao Tse-tung, the Red.

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Voters Facing Diverse Issues Next Tuesday

Stays White

Proposals Cost More Than \$1 Billion in Six States

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (UP)—Issues ranging from daylight saving time in California to a poll tax ban in Texas will be decided in scattered elections on Tuesday.

In addition to choosing a number of mayors, two governors, one senator, two congressmen and hundreds of other officials, millions of Americans in six states will mark "yes" or "no" on propositions which would cost more than \$1 billion.

Pennsylvania will vote on a proposed \$500 million bond issue which would finance bonuses up to \$500 for the state's veterans of World War II.

Ohio will become the first state in which voters decide whether margarine can be sold already colored or must continue to be tinted by housewives.

In California, the main proposal calls for a \$250 million bond issue to erect elementary and high schools to relieve an acute shortage of classroom space. California also votes on daylight saving time for summer and a revised old-age pension program to reduce present pension costs.

The major political races are in the east. New Yorkers will elect a United States Senator. Mayoralty elections will be held in New York and Boston. The 10th District in New York and the 5th District in California will elect Congressmen. Virginia and New Jersey voters will choose Governors.

Texas will vote on 10 constitutional amendments. The 47-year-old poll tax law is considered one of the most important. It provides for a ban on the present tax of \$1.75 as a requirement for voting and introduction of a general registration law.

Counties would be permitted to levy fees up to 50 cents, or permit voters to register free. Half of any fee charged would go to the state.

DIGS OUT AFTER FLOOD

CARACAS, Venezuela, Nov. 5 (UP)—The city dug out today from tons of silt and debris piled up by yesterday's flash floods estimated to have left 60 persons dead. Damage was put at \$6,000,000.

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