

Costs Blamed for Coal Industry's Failure to Gain Full Development

Miners Capable of Producing 850 Million Tons Yearly; Got 435 Million in 1949

By VICTOR PETERSON

The bituminous coal industry today realizes it struggles for survival.

Here is an exclusive look at the coal picture as seen through the eyes of the industry in a critical self analysis. A nationally known economist has just completed a survey of the current crisis and noted economic proposals for future growth of the industry.

Bituminous coal, one of the largest reserves of mechanical energy for American industry, is capable of producing for centuries. From 1928 until 1940 the industry as a whole suffered a loss each year. Total energy for American industry is now 339 million. In the 12-year drought, firms lived off capital made before and especially during World War I.

Yearly Output Estimated

The nation's miners, some 400,000 in 9000 mines, are capable of producing 850 million tons of coal a year. This is what the industry believes should be production and consumption if coal had expanded in conformity with the survey suggests the industry seriously consider possible advantages of grouping resources by consolidation from the present 5000 operating companies to 500 or less.

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Other Factors Cited

The survey notes expanding production, unless accompanied by a high degree of mechanization, will not bring much decline in coal prices for 80 per cent of mine costs are attributed to labor.

Other factors add their share. Marketing costs and methods need to be changed. Since '38 freight rates have risen 50 per cent and handling charges, largely labor, have nearly doubled. Increase of coal does not decrease cost in proportion as each carload is handled as a single unit though 1000 cars may be shipped.

This, the economist says, is not the case in gas and oil sent coursing over the nation by pipeline. Here the volume flow brings decreased cost.

Urge Sharper Bargain

In the struggle for survival it is suggested the coal industry drive a sharper bargain with railroads on freight rates. Reciprocity of rate is not as important today, the survey says, for more railroads are changing to Diesel fuel. The railroads used less coal in 1949 than in 1933, the worst year of the depression.

Other forms of transportation should be investigated imaginatively with marketing of coal as electrical energy one form. The coal industry today is spending money widely in research whereby power plants might be located in the heart of mining areas. The coal burned at the source, heat being pumped to homes and factories.

Also considered is the conversion of coal to oil and gas with shipment by pipeline. Both of these fields still are locked in the minds of scientists.

An immediate antidote, and the speediest method of reducing costs, would be to reduce wages. High wages, the survey says, brought increased mechanization, attracted more workers to the mines and created a labor surplus.

Out-of-Town Trade

Naturally, much of our trade comes from the immediate vicinity, but we draw a large proportion from farther south. Spots like Southport, Greenwood and Franklin send us business," Mr. Limpus said voicing the opinion of others.

Capping the string of stores on either end are Marion County Skelgas Service Inc. and Indianapolis Pump & Equipment Co. W. E. Stainbrook, Skelgas manager, has nothing but glowing words for the shopping center for it lies almost at the heart of his territory.

The pump firm of Rex Miller was located in the present spot after a study of other business areas. The site was chosen because it lies in a hub of expanding homes, is near the city limits and, therefore, close to farmers and their pump problems and has those acres of parking space.

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Jenner Plans Attack on Foreign Policy

Hoosier Senator to Demand Withdrawal From Germany, Japan

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—

Sen. Jenner expected to take the Senate floor today and denounce U.S. foreign policy as a complete failure everywhere.

He will urge that peace be made now with Germany and Japan.

This would mean withdrawal of American troops from these occupied countries and fit neatly into the Stalinists' expansion plans. No Senator denounces communism more than Sen. Jenner, however. But he long has argued that we cannot "contain" it and should withdraw and spend the money on our own home grounds.

The Junior Senator will again attack the bipartisanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and demand that it be ended.

Sen. Caphart, who like Sen. Jenner voted against the Marshall Plan, Economic Recovery Administration and arms aid, recently admitted on a TV show that ECA had stopped the spread of communism in Western Europe. He also wants ECA spending stopped or curtailed, however.

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Discusses Plans for Reopening Schools Tomorrow



IU Gets Valuable Lafayette Lore

BLOOMINGTON, Mar. 6 (UPI)—Indiana University today had what was regarded as one of the leading collections on the Marquis de Lafayette, gift of a donor who school officials said preferred to remain unknown.

The Lafayette collection, including more than 8500 items, was classed as the most important compilation of historical documents received by the uni-

Leaking Gas Fatal To South Bend Couple

SOUTH BEND, Mar. 5 (UPI)—A leaking gas main apparently was responsible for the deaths of Ferdinand Kusmick, 61, and his wife, Elizabeth, 57, whose bodies were found today.

A neighbor asked police to investigate, reporting he had not seen them since early Saturday.

Dr. T. C. Goreski, St. Joseph County coroner, said his verdict will be accidental death.

Services for 13-year-old Michael D. Baugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Baugh, 1437 S. Belmont Ave., will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Farley Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Park.

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