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John L. Lewis Says UMW To Go on Strike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers policy committee served notice under the Smith-Connelly act today of the possibility of a bituminous coal strike in 30 days.

The bituminous contract expires March 31 and negotiations with the operators begin Thursday. The policy committee gathered today to formulate demands for a new contract. The strike notice was the first action of the meeting.

Lewis, in a letter to Secretary of Labor Perkins notified her that: "In order to protect our membership under the terms of this act, this letter is now directed to you as formal notice that a labor dispute exists within the meaning of the act as interpreted by this committee, between the United Mine Workers of America and the bituminous coal operators of this country."

"This notice is not intended to apply to any bituminous coal mine now under governmental seizure and control.

"To the end and for the purpose of procuring a new basic wage agreement for the industry, we will work diligently and forthrightly for the ensuing 30 days to prevent, if possible any interruption of coal production so vital to the prosecution of the war in which our country is now engaged, and to which we pledge our full devotion."

Lewis issued a bitter denunciation of the Smith-Connelly act which was enacted in the summer of 1943 after Lewis had engaged in strikes over his last contract.

He said "the mine workers are thus coerced into giving this notice even though such conditions as above described may be forced by the very issuance of the notice itself."

Lewis vetoed President Roosevelt saying on June 25, 1943 that the act, which he vetoed but which was passed over his veto, would "force a labor leader who is trying to prevent a strike in accordance with his no strike pledge, to give the notice which would result in the taking of a strike ballot and might actually precipitate a strike."

Lewis further quoted the President as saying he was convinced that Section 8 of the act "will produce strikes in vital war plants which otherwise would not occur."

The mine leader said that failure to give the notice "would make us violators of the law and subject to all its civil and criminal pains and penalties."

Chrysler Workers Continue Strike
DETROIT, Feb. 26—(AP)—An estimated 14,000 employees of the Chrysler corporation's Dodge main plant continued their three-day strike today, as company officials declared continuance of the walk-out "will endanger the war work" schedules of 101,000 Chrysler employees in Detroit and Chicago.

The strikers, members of Dodge local 3, united auto workers, CIO, rejected back-to-work requests from the war labor board and international officers of the UAW on Sunday and the local officers were summoned to a regional war labor board "show cause" hearing today.

Chrysler spokesmen said production of B-29 bomber engines, Bofors anti-aircraft guns, rockets and tank and truck parts has been "virtually halted" at the huge Dodge plant since the workers walked out Friday in protest against the dismissal of eight fellow employees for "loafing."

The company, in making its "loafing" accusation, said the men refused to meet specified production rates. In reply to this, the union charged the company with a "speed-up."

Wheeler Is Sued for \$4,909 Civil Damages
WHEELER, Feb. 26—A lawsuit against the city of Wheeler has been filed by Mrs. Teunle Arnold for injuries received last May when she stepped into a city meter hole that was allegedly uncovered.

Mrs. Arnold, through her lawyers, the firm of Sanders and Scott, Amarillo, is asking damages totaling \$4,909. It was said that Mrs. Arnold would be disabled for 21 months or more.

The meter box was located behind a laundry operated by Mrs. Arnold's brother, Joe Ing.

D. C. Beello, Wheeler attorney, has been employed to represent the city in the suit.

Oran Turned Back To French Government
ROME, Feb. 26—(AP)—The Algerian port of Oran, through which 7,700,000 tons of American war supplies moved during the first eight months of the North African campaign, has been officially turned over to the French, it was announced today.

CURFEW SHALL NOT RING TONIGHT



Midnight Oil To Be Saved, Order Begins Tonight

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 26—(AP)—A local dance spot has posted this sign: "We dare not 'Byrnes' the midnight oil."

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—Week-hour fun in the nation's night spots is at an end—for an indefinite period.

Although rumblings of protest continue from some amusement place operators, indications are the government's request for midnight closing of entertainment establishments, beginning tonight, will meet with general compliance. New Yorkers heard from Mayor F. H. La Guardia that some unspecified "adjustments" may be made there this week.

Several clubs and a theater here will be affected by the curfew order. Miss Lucile Douglass, chief clerk of the county war price and rationing board, said this morning she had not received any instructions as to what should be done in case of any violations of the Byrnes order.

Otis R. Terry, manager of the war manpower commission office here, said he was sure that the concerners would cooperate, "as Pampa has always been willing to cooperate." He said he had not received any instructions.

The war manpower commission's instructions for enforcement, announced over the weekend, provide for a across-the-board shutdown of such private as well as public places at the curfew hour, so far as civilians are concerned.

Entertainment for military personnel may be continued beyond midnight, but it must be sponsored by "responsible agencies, such as

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But He Had Reason For No License!

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 26—(AP)—A motorist called before City Judge Karl V. King on charges of speeding and failure to have a driver's license admitted he might have been going a little fast, but said he had a good reason for not having his license.

He presented as proof a letter from the state tax commission saying he had been denied a driver's license since 1942 because of traffic law violations.

Opposing Views Face Conferees

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26—(AP)—Two opposing views on how far the United States should go in helping Latin America to industrialize confront U. S. Secretary of State Stettinius as he returns to the Inter-American conference today.

Stettinius spent the weekend in the country outside Mexico City resting from his long trip to the Crimea conference and a busy week here.

Today he will preside over a regular meeting of the American delegation, where the extent of the U. S. economic program to foster Latin American industries and raise the standard of living may be resolved.

The American economic section is divided roughly between those who favor an immediate intensive program of assistance and those supporting a limited, gradual industrialization with U. S. aid while emphasis is laid on developing European markets.

Assistant Secretaries of State Nelson Rockefeller and William Clayton lead the first group. The second group is led by some U. S. government officials and businessmen who stress rebuilding the

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Andrews Resigns Superintendency Of Pampa Parks

John Andrews, who Saturday told The News of his intentions to be a candidate for mayor in the April election, has resigned as city park superintendent after over 15 years of service with various departments in the city administration.

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Andrews said this morning that he has served the people of Pampa many years, in several capacities, and that whether he is elected mayor or not, he intends to stay in Pampa and cooperate with the city and the people of Pampa to the best of his ability.

He continued by saying that, although there have recently been certain difficulties in carrying out his work as park superintendent, he will be only too willing to cooperate to the fullest extent with the entire city administration if he is chosen as mayor in the coming election.

City Manager deCordova said this morning differences arose recently in regard to work at the city park. He said however he did not wish to elaborate on them.

Andrews this morning had not filed his intentions to run for mayor, and Miss Mable Davis, city clerk, said no one else had filed. The incumbent mayor is Farris Oden, who told The News again this morning that he had not decided whether he intended to seek reelection. Candidates must petition signatures of 5 percent of voters of the last election before they will be eligible to file. Filing must be made 10 days prior to the election April 3.

Seventh Policeman To Go Into Service Soon

With the departure of Frank Rickett, who will leave for induction into the armed services Wednesday, the service roll of the Pampa police department will be increased to seven, that number leaving for induction since the start of the war.

Besides the seven in service, there are three now with the department who have been honorably discharged. They are Jim Connor, Harry Hubbard and Max Randolph.

Former department members now in the armed forces are Carl Wilbanks, Wayne Kelly, Otis (Red) Payne, Dick Sudham and Jim Boswell.

WAR IN BRIEF

THE WESTERN FRONT: Americans shove within 13 miles of Cologne and 20 of Dusseldorf in drive of developing power; Third army to south advances seven miles, crosses Pruen river; Campaign in north launch recaptured.

THE EASTERN FRONT: Soviets push through Pomerania toward Baltic to cut off Danzig, step up siege of Breslau; zero hour for new Berlin aimed attack apparently approaching.

THE ITALIAN FRONT: Americans consolidate gains around Mount Belvedere; little change south of Bologna, prisoners report high German losses.

THE PACIFIC FRONT: Japanese push north of Iwo Jima, and capture of second airfield is near; Manila battle officially over, and Americans push eastward in Luzon; carrier planes and 200 Superfortresses hit Tokyo area in twin assault over weekend.

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Koiso Hurries To Apologize For Bombing

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Snow-covered Tokyo underwent its heaviest bombardment of the war Sunday from perhaps 1,000 carrier planes and 200 Superfortresses while 750 miles to the south, American marines reached the halfway mark in their job of conquering the airbase island of Iwo.

The last two Nipponese strongholds in Manila were shelled by U. S. artillery today—an aftermath to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Sunday counter-attack that troops of "the 14th corp overwhelmed the enemy's final positions in South Manila and completed the destruction of the trapped garrison."

Tokyo radio admitted the Japanese fleet was keeping out of the way of U. S. planes. Mare A. Mitscher's powerful Fifth fleet carrier forces which moved back into Nippon's home waters to resume devastating attacks on airfields, war industry and military installations.

Sunday morning attacks by carrier planes, reported by Tokyo at first to number 1,600 and later as 600, were followed in the afternoon by Marianas-based bombers. Their bombs and incendiaries came down with a falling snow. All B-29's returned from this attack and side raids on other cities which one pilot said must have left all Japan ablaze.

Stray bombs, Tokyo said, hit a barracks of the Imperial palace guards, struck near the Emperor's stables and elsewhere on His Majesty's sacred ground. Prime Minister Kuniaki Koiso hurried to Hirohito to apologize.

Marines captured all but the northern tip of Iwo island's fighter field (Motoyama airfield No. 2). The airstrip dominates the center of the island fortress.

Simultaneously Tokyo reported Seabees were putting the bomber field (Motoyama No. 1) in shape for land-based medium bomber strikes at Tokyo.

Marines battled for the northern tip of the fighter field, Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner said "the final all-out drive" for Iwo is on.

Japanese held commanding positions on the island of Iwo Jima. The main battle of the Philippines surged well eastward to Manila where Yanks cracked into an apparently strongly-defended Takahashi Line. Heavy fighting was predicted.

In Manila itself, sniper fire answered that Lee Roberts, for many years associated with the street department, has been appointed to the Andrews' place.

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Strong Allied Armies Rolling Unchecked Toward Cologne

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press War Editor
In what was called the biggest air raid ever made on Berlin, more than 1,200 U. S. heavies dropped 3,000 tons of explosives and fire bombs into the heart of the city during the noon hour today.

The heavy blows from the air came as Rhine-bound American armies—by German account up to 600,000 strong—battled to within 13 miles of Dusseldorf today in new gains on a 28-mile trans-Roer front powered by swelling numbers of tanks, guns and troops.

The U. S. First and Ninth armies hacked out advances of two to three miles against light to moderate Nazi resistance, enveloping 20 more towns. They fought but four miles from the Erft river, last natural barrier on the Cologne plain south of the Rhine.

Sixty miles farther south the U. S. Third army shot forward seven miles in three crossings of the Pruen river, seized 1,000 prisoners, and fought near the strategic center of Bitburg. German opposition was described as disorganized.

North of the American's Cologne push, the Canadian First army renewed its assault southwest of Calcar, gaining up to 1 1/2 miles in early hours.

Three vital sectors of the German front thus were being carved by Allied offensives.

The hour for a great Russian drive upon Berlin apparently was nearing, and Germans hastened to reinforce the Oder-Spree line against the impending threat from the First Ukrainian and First White Russian army groupings.

On the northern flank of this See ARMIES ROLLING, Page 6

Locations Given On US Divisions In Western Line

By The Associated Press
Here are the latest developments in the West, with locations of many divisions now in action:

Canadian First army: Near Calcar and near the Rhine, near Siegfried Line on north end of front.

U. S. Ninth army: Closes of Ekeleng, fights less than 20 miles from Dusseldorf.

U. S. First army: Batters to within 13 miles of Cologne.

U. S. Third army: Advances seven miles, crosses Pruen and reaches Nims river near Bitburg.

U. S. Seventh army: Pushes within sight of Saarbruecken in broadening invasion of Saar.

U. S. Divisions: 4th Armored—Reached Nims river after crossing Pruen.

5th Infantry—Captured towns southwest of Bitburg.

8th Infantry—Aided in capture of Dueren.

10th Armored—Widened bridgehead over Saar at Ockfen.

29th Infantry—Captured towns on road to Cologne.

3rd Infantry—Cleared forest southeast of Saarbruecken.

70th Infantry—Fought into Forbach.

78th Infantry—Reached town southwest of Bitburg.

80th Infantry—Advanced along side 4th armored.

84th Infantry—Captured Dovern.

94th Infantry—Fought with 10th armored.

102nd Infantry—Captured Lovnich and Katern.

104th Infantry—Fought forward east of Dueren.

C of C Directors To Hold Meeting Tuesday

A meeting of the board of directors of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce has been set for tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 by C. P. Pursley, president.

The directors will have a general discussion of the work plan for the coming year. It will be the first formal meeting of the new board since the arrival Feb. 16, of E. O. Wedgworth, new secretary-manager of the chamber of commerce.

THE WEATHER

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
WEST TEXAS: Cloudy, low to mid temperatures, 20° to 26° Panhandle and South Plains; Tuesday considerable cloudiness, not quite so cold in Panhandle and South Plains.

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Secrecy and Confusion

Secrecy has been much in the news lately, and for obvious reasons. It has ranged from the ridiculous to the deeply serious. The first department was taken care of neatly by a White House game of possum, in which a presidential secretary ...

LOOKING AHEAD

MENTAL HAZARD Driving a golf ball over a pond requires a type of skill altogether different from lifting it across a like-size patch of green grass. I don't know golf but men who play well have made me understand the difference. They call it a mental hazard, and life is full of them. A mental hazard seems to be something that offers a threat but presents no actual hindrance.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

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Around Hollywood

By ERSKINE JOHNSON HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 23.—Behind the scenes, Bing Crosby telephoned the McCareys and asked the other day and asked how things were coming along on "The Belles of St. Mary," which will practically be a sequel to "Going My Way."

Leaves From The Editor's Notebook

Your drug store may have the "wonder drug," penicillin, to sell over the counter on prescription—late next month or in April.

WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE The moderate resistance thus far encountered by the Western Allies in their great Rhinefeld offensive is a welcome but surprising circumstance which is far from self-explanatory.

Fewer Eggs Shipped During January

AUSTIN, Feb. 26.—Fewer carloads of eggs, both in the frozen and dried, were shipped in Texas during January, according to a report from the University of Texas bureau of business research.

HOLD EVERYTHING

The first certain reference to the burning of mineral coal was made by the Greek philosopher Theophrastus about 300 B. C.

Movie Actor

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Leaves From The Editor's Notebook

Your drug store may have the "wonder drug," penicillin, to sell over the counter on prescription—late next month or in April.

WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE The moderate resistance thus far encountered by the Western Allies in their great Rhinefeld offensive is a welcome but surprising circumstance which is far from self-explanatory.

Fewer Eggs Shipped During January

AUSTIN, Feb. 26.—Fewer carloads of eggs, both in the frozen and dried, were shipped in Texas during January, according to a report from the University of Texas bureau of business research.

HOLD EVERYTHING

The first certain reference to the burning of mineral coal was made by the Greek philosopher Theophrastus about 300 B. C.

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British Escort Drops Convoy on Way to Russia

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A merchant seaman repatriated on the Gripsholm said Thursday that British escort ships abandoned a Murmansk-bound convoy in the North Atlantic in July, 1942, and that the Germans "had their pickings" of the 36 merchant vessels. It was later denied by the British admiralty.

The seaman, Walter Stankiewicz, 28, of Baltimore, Md., said he had been on the freighter Carlton, which Berlin and Vichy identified at the time as the last 36 ships Berlin said were sunk in the convoy.

Stankiewicz put the number sunk at 34, including the 15,127-ton Carlton.

United States and British navy public relations officers in New York and Washington offered no objection to publication of his story but said they could not vouch for its authenticity.

Stankiewicz said the convoy was attacked a few days before July 4 by submarines, on July 4 by 24 torpedo bombers and again on July 5 by submarines.

Stankiewicz said he understood the British ships left to engage in battle with German warships and that the battleships Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau lured them away.

Merchant seaman repatriated on the Swedish liner Gripsholm brought back to America a picture of critical food conditions in their Nazi prison camp—conditions they said were aggravated by Allied bombing of German transportation facilities.

"Transportation in Germany is almost shot to hell," said Capt. Henry Stephenson of New Rochelle, N. Y., whose ship was torpedoed in the Atlantic in 1942 and who spent more than two years in a camp 16 miles from Bremen.

Capt. Stephenson said there had been only one issue of Red Cross food parcels in the camp when he left last Jan. 15 and because of the disrupted transportation there was little chance of more getting through.

The liner sailed from the French port Feb. 8 after an exchange of German nationals in Switzerland.

Red Cross

(Continued from page one) the little lapel flag, or cross, symbol of their alliance with the organization which now has more than 10,000 workers overseas helping to maintain the comfort and morale of our men and women on the fighting fronts and in battle zones.

As usual, the Red Cross war fund will be conducted, officials said, without any lines of distinction as to race, creed or faith. Every American will have an equal opportunity with every other American to do his part in the drive.

Huelyn Laycock, Pampa drive chairman, said today: "Men overseas with the military are becoming daily more aware of the good that Red Cross is doing, and are writing home to remind their parents to donate to the Red Cross, many chapters have reported. Not only the parents, sisters, brothers, wives and sweethearts of the fighting men will want to have the Red Cross service emblem in the windows of their homes—their fighting men will want it there, too."

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Mainly About Pampa and Her Neighbor Towns

Mrs. Byron Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. D. McCauley were initiated into Eastern Star order at Wheeler in ceremonies held Friday night.

Order of Eastern Star will hold a rummage sale March 2 and 3 Friday and Sat. at 601 S. Cuyler.

Mrs. Luther Pierson is in Dallas this week visiting her daughter, Martha, who is a student at Southern Methodist university.

Income tax. George W. Keeling, Room 9, First National Bank Bldg.

Mrs. Jessye Stroup and daughter, Joan, and Mrs. Leo Moore were visitors in Amarillo over the weekend.

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Lenten supper and a discussion on Bible translations will be held tomorrow evening at St. Matthew's Episcopal church with Mrs. Clem Followell, Mrs. A. L. Sweigart and Mrs. Robert Drake, Jr., as hostesses.

Try Valley Ranch Sausage. Mrs. Elizabeth Hercher and Miss Leona Ray, former Pampans who are now teachers in Borger, were Amarillo visitors Saturday.

Courtesy Cab, 24-hour taxi. Ph. 2152-J.

Mrs. John Eason, Mrs. Peg Whitte and Miss Betty Mooney were among members of the Pampa bowling team who went to Oklahoma City over the weekend to bowl.

Income tax service by appointment. Phone 1887-J or 173.

Mrs. C. P. Buckler and daughter, Mrs. Ben Gull were in Amarillo Saturday. Mrs. R. E. McKernan also visited there Saturday.

Courtesy Cab, 24-hour taxi. Ph. 441.

Dave Cecil of Amarillo spent the weekend in Pampa visiting friends.

Water softener available for your home or industrial use. See Dick Sullins, 111 E. Kingsmill.

SHAMROCK ITEMS S/Sgt. Jack Nichols, who has recently been stationed at Yuma, Ariz., since his return from India, after three years of overseas service, is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Nichols, Sr., for short furlough.

Robert J. Hise, who is with the marines and stationed at Le June, S. C. for the past two and one-half months, is at home for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rice. He has completed his "boot" training.

Sgt. John H. Williams of Clovis, N. M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams spent Wednesday with his parents. He was accompanied by a buddy, S. Sgt. George Sloss of Detroit, Mich.

M/Sgt. John W. Hays of Lubbock, visited here with friends and relatives last week.

Sgt. Buford Reynolds of Lubbock, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Reynolds, spent a few days here last week with his wife and baby daughter.

Ersiz Bennett Clark and Mrs. Clark of Bremont, Wash., are here on a 20-day leave. They are here to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rose.

Joe Ruff, A. R. M. 3-c, is here from Jacksonville, Fla., visiting relatives and friends. He is en route to San Diego, Calif.

Word has been received by Mrs. Ward McPherson, that her son, Cpl. Ward McPherson, Jr., has landed safely in New Guinea.

Lt. and Mrs. Merlin Wiemers and small daughter, Alice, are here from San Diego, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilborn.

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Retrenching, Leno?



Leno, pure-bred foxhound who won fame last year with a record litter of 23 pups, seems to have taken all that talk about production cutbacks pretty seriously. She's pictured above with her latest crop, numbering only 10, which were born recently in the Coast Guard Armory at Hartford, Conn. Leno is owned by Comdr. Harold Ely, of Philadelphia.

Armies Rolling

(Continued from Page 1) Soviet wedge reaching toward the Nazi capital, Red army troops struck through Pomerania toward the Baltic. They took Preussisch-Friedland in this drive and a 10-mile stretch of the Berlin-Danzig highway, seeking to force a trap on Germans in the Danzig area.

Russians continued slow gains in East Prussia near Koenigsberg. In the south the First Ukrainian army quickened the battle to liquidate perhaps 100,000 nazis in Breslau, and Moscow said they had won nearly 40 blocks in the southern part of the city.

The Germans declared 50,000 Soviet troops were attacking in the Pomeranian drive, and claimed Red army bridgeheads on the Neisse river southeast of Berlin had been wiped out.

U. S. troops in Italy dug in after new gains around captured Mount Belvedere, west of the Bologna-Pistoia highway, and advanced in nearby sectors. There were only patrol activity and artillery exchanges south of Bologna.

Heavy bomber strikes from Italy yesterday against Linz, Austria, were carried out at the request of the Russians, it was disclosed, and the Allied command in Italy has reached agreement with Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito on coordination of efforts.

For the 14th straight day, Allied planes were pounding German communications. Some 60,000 Allied warplanes from Britain, Italy and continental bases sawed at German railroads and industrial targets Sunday, with main blows falling on Munich, Aschaffenburg, Ulm, Linz, Bremen, and a synthetic oil plant near Dortmund.

Japanese broadcasts reported that the Imperial war fleet is operating "in a relatively reduced-area escorted by aircraft" flying from land bases. It made it clear the Nipponese navy would not attack the Fifth fleet as long as "it is technically impractical for our land-based aerial formations to deal decisively blows to the American naval forces."

Government's Early Establishment Sought

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A British foreign office commentator said today there were new hopes that the Warsaw government would be established before the San Francisco conference, "but if it isn't the London Polish government will not be invited since Russia does not recognize this regime."

New Laundry To Be Set Up at Wheeler

WHEELER, Feb. 26.—Wheeler is to have a new laundry, which will be in operation the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Willingham, owners and operators of a "Helpy-Selvy" laundry in McAlester for the past two years, are moving to Wheeler and installing a similar type of laundry in the Lee building, just back of Clay food stores.

The Joe Ing laundry has changed hands. It has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith of Mobeetie, who assumed management last week.

Opposing Views

(Continued from page one) wrecked industries of Europe. The split in opinion developed a number of months ago in Washington when Rockefeller began to draw up the American economic program for presentation to this conference. It came to a head within the past few days when the economic section of the delegation got together to decide on the final draft of the U. S. resolutions.

These proposals have been delayed in presentation to the conference apparently because the delegation could not come to a final agreement.

Lumber Production Under Last Year's

AUSTIN, Feb. 26.—Average weekly production of lumber in Texas last January was 153,772 board feet per unit, the University of Texas bureau of business research reports. Average weekly production in January, 1944, was 189,601 board feet per unit. Average weekly shipment in January was 154,944 board feet per unit, while in January, 1944, it was 196,600.

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UPTON CLOSE: Lending Powers Should Be Given Back to Congress

By UPTON CLOSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—We discussed the question of whether or not Stalin wants to join in an open war on Japan. The conclusion must be that he would not be likely to do so for our sakes at a time when he needs us less, since he did not do so at a time when he needed us more. And since our statesmen did not have the hardness to press him then, there is not much reason to believe that the same administration will press him now. On the contrary there is every evidence that he can take any attitude he wants toward China or Japan or, if he desires, put off the whole vital question of his policy in Asia and still get any loans or promises or gifts he wants from our present administration.

There is reason to believe that a six billion dollar postwar loan has already been promised Stalin and that a Henry Wallace or Henry Kaiser or other ultra pro-Russian administration of the RFC would see to advancing it in money or materials regardless of any attitude congress might take on it. That is why it is so important now that congress recapture the federal government's loaning and production organs—and I mean recapture them for congressional control and not merely rescue them from one man of doubtful intentions to let them drift into the arms of another and perhaps worse villain.

ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL RIVALRY

Under this administration Dictator Stalin can have anything he wants from us for two reasons—perhaps three. The two definite reasons are that the administration is infiltrated and many of its offices are headed by dominantly pro-Russian sentimentalists, communists and others and that its concept for post-war jobs is production on a huge scale shipped abroad on some fantastic loan basis. The possible third reason is the fundamental rivalry between the personages of Roosevelt and Churchill—a rivalry which enables Joe Stalin to get what he wants from us by favoring Roosevelt in that history-making little matter of personal ego.

By this logic—and it certainly is good logic—Joe Stalin is not going to join us in any war on Japan for our sakes.

Then comes the question of what he is going to do for his sake—and Soviet Russia's.

No one questions that he intends to have "his" out of Japan's distress. He intends to have the long, Russian-owed warm water coast of Manchuria on the Pacific even more certainly than he intended to have Eastern Poland or the freedom

of the Dardanelles, for warm water on the Pacific is more important than those concessions to the future of his vast empire and its influence in the Pacific area of world history just dawned blood-red, out of Japan across the bay—to correct Kipling a bit.

STALIN'S MANEUVERS

But to get Manchuria, Stalin has to move in on China, which claims it, and which went to war with Japan to keep it, even more than he has to move in on Japan. Now his policy toward Asian neighbors, as we pointed out in an earlier article, is to get what he wants from them without going on the record with declared wars against them. Thus has he got what he wanted from Turkey, and from China so far, and will get what he wants from Japan—unless he changes his very successful strategy, and for such a change there is no reason in sight.

Stalin can let us pound down Japan until the Mikado will be only too glad to save a little face by accepting a Russian offer to take over Manchuria. That will immediately throw the Chinese into the position of demanding back what they lost from Russia, which is no ally of either. The Chinese were put in a somewhat similar position when, after joining us in the war against Germany in 1917, they saw Japan take the German held part of Tsingtao and had to rely on us, as allies of the Japanese, to get back their own for them. Now, Russia will be in a much better position as inheritor of Manchuria—which we recognize as Chinese—and if Russia does not become an ally of ours in the process of taking Manchuria, China will not then have a moral claim on us to press Russia to restore twice-stolen territory. We shall perhaps be saved a good deal of moral tress and strain over this, as well as a cause for friction with Russia, if Stalin does not join us as an ally against Japan. The Chinese, for that matter, would rather have us outside of that argument than selling them out in favor of a stronger ally.

But there are even more telling reasons why Stalin would not want to be our ally in this war, and there are also very telling reasons why the British and we would not want the Russians to be our allies at this point in the war against Japan.

We shall look into them in our next.

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District Highway Patrolmen Travel 371,913 Patrol Miles During Year

Although the war has hit the Amarillo highway patrol department as it has other public and private concerns, the men of this district continue to patrol the roads and investigate the accidents as they happen.

The force, which patrols 26 Panhandle counties, is composed of a captain, Folk Ivy, a sergeant, and seven patrolmen. During 1944 they worked 21,045 day hours and 10,913 night hours—an average of 9 1/2 hours per man for 365 days.

They made 1,869 arrests, issued 3,342 warnings to motorists, traveled 3,361 miles on motorcycle, and 398,562 by automobile.

The patrol points to Gray county as having a rather "unique" accident record for the past year. No fatal

accidents occurred in the county. One patrolman observes it has been several years since that record was matched in the county. The patrol investigated eight personal injury accidents in the county, in which 14 persons were hurt. In eight personal and six property damage accidents investigated in the county, there was a material loss of \$6,395.

Potter county led the district with 25 fatalities. Moore next with eight. Other counties, besides Gray, with no fatalities last year were Garza, Donley, Hall, Hartley, Ochiltree, Parmer, and Roberts.

In the district, 341 accidents were investigated, 58 fatal accident cases, in which 75 people were killed. A total of 139 personal injury accident cases were investigated, in which 296 persons were hurt. Property damage cases investigated totaled 153. In 341 accidents there was a material loss of \$204,197.

People Urged To Visit Ration Board 'by Mail'

The average personal visit to a local war price and rationing board takes 10 times as long as the time necessary to process an application sent through the mail, Howard Gholson, director of the Lubbock district office of price administration, said today in urging citizens of this district to "visit your board by mail."

"Many people believe that quicker action will result from a personal call at the board offices, but in reality the opposite is true," the director declared.

War price and rationing boards in the district are undergoing a reorganization with the purpose of better utilizing the time of office personnel and, at the same time, giving better and faster service to the public, Gholson reported. Under the new streamlined setup at the boards, clerks are to handle more office business through the mail and in this respect "we are appealing to the public for its assistance," he added.

"In addition to saving your time and that of board clerks," he said, "you will be saving tires, gasoline and shoes, the conservation of which is vital to the war effort at home."

"So please visit your board only by mail."

Mechanics, Welding Course Is Closed

WHEELER, Feb. 26.—An auto mechanics and welding course, conducted by Otis Reid and Joe Tilley, instructors, has closed. Jack Spence, vocational agriculture teacher, stated during the six weeks' course 37 different persons repaired cars and trucks, while 11 received welding training. The courses were sponsored by the government through the local vocational agricultural department.

"We feel that the courses have been quite a help to a number of people in getting their cars and trucks repaired and in learning welding and doing welding repair work," Spence said.

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