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MURRAY AND KENNEDY NAMED BY ROOSEVELT TO MEDIATION BOARD

Board Will Be Authorized to Seek Peaceful Adjustment of Disputes in Many Ways

Washington—President Philip Murray of the CIO and Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Kennedy of the United Mine Workers Saturday had been named to the 11-man National Defense Mediation Board appointed by President Roosevelt.

Appointment of the two CIO leaders followed shortly after Murray, who had been conferring with the CIO's six vice-presidents and its secretary in New York, sent this telegram to President Roosevelt:

"In behalf of the CIO, I am submitting the names of Thomas Kennedy and Philip Murray for membership on the mediation board."

The committee, as announced by the White House, was set up as follows:

PUBLIC
Chairman: Clarence A. Dykstra, the director of selective service.

William H. Davis, New York, patent attorney and chairman of the New York State Mediation Board.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

EMPLOYERS
Philip Murray, president of the CIO. Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America.

George Mean, secretary-treasurer of the AFL.

George M. Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway & Steamship Clerks, AFL.

EMPLOYERS
Walter C. Teagin, chairman, Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Roger D. Lapham, San Francisco, President, Hawaiian-American Steamship Company.

Ernest Meyer, publisher of the Washington, D. C., Post.

Cyrus Chang, vice-president of the United States Rubber Company.

All families eligible to buy stamps will receive full information through the mails on how to make purchases. This information, in the form of identification cards and certification coupons, will have reached all eligible participants in advance of the date stamps which may be purchased in their community—or the town nearest their residence.

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Cresson from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m. Carrolltown from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m. Patton from 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Hastings from 1:30 to 3:00 p. m. Bartonsboro from 8:00 a. m. to noon and from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m.

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Christoff had been under a physician's care for the past four years. Death was attributed to a heart attack. The deceased was a native of Italy and has no known relatives in this country.

BRICK WORKERS NAME CIO UNION IN ELECTION
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The election, supervised by Charles T. Douds, NLRB regional director, showed 172 votes cast for the C. I. O. Union, 76 for the A. F. of L. and seven challenged. Fifteen employees did not vote. Both unions petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for the election.

18048 FIRM CHARTERED
A corporation charter was issued on Wednesday to the Dunlo Coal Mining Company at South Fork, the Pennsylvania Department of State announced. The firm operates a small mine at Dunlo. Incorporators are Bart C. Leonard, and Donald R. Carr, both of South Fork, and Raymond H. Callahan, Ebensburg.

FARM LOAN GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers for the ensuing year were elected on Wednesday of last week at the annual meeting of the Cambria Co. National Farm Loan Association in the Ebensburg court house. Ray W. Meloy of Lovetts was named president of the organization. Other officers named are Lawrence A. Cretin, Patton, R. D. vice president; and H. A. Nichol, Patton, secretary-treasurer.

Herman Ilig of Ebensburg, R. D. and Lawrence A. Cretin were elected directors of the organization. Other members of the board are Louis Adams, of Patton, and A. H. Kline, Spangler.

The association maintains an office in the Weamer building in Indiana. The members of the organization's loan committee are Directors Ilig, Meloy and Adams.

FOOD STAMP PLAN READY TO GO DPA SECRETARY SAYS

Thousands of Dollars Worth of the Stamps Purchased from Federal Government.

Howard L. Russell, secretary of the Department of Public Assistance, has announced that all arrangements have been completed for inaugurating the federal food stamp plan in Cambria Somerset and Indiana counties.

The program goes into effect this week, and really started in some places on Tuesday. The personnel necessary for selling food stamps to eligible families has been obtained through the Surplus Marketing Administration.

The DPA has purchased \$75,000 worth of the food stamps with a revolving fund underwritten by the two Johnstown newspapers through Walter W. Krebs, publisher. The fund does not dissipate. Every day the DPA has on hand in legal tender—stamps or in cash—a total of \$75,000.

No stamps can be purchased in Patton and other northern Cambria areas until Thursday of this week. A notice to that effect was mailed to the area.

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MINERS, OPERATORS ARE DEADLOCKED IN WAGE CONFERENCE

Little Progress Is Made Toward Actual Conclusions After Eight Days of Session

New York—Joint labor-management negotiations for the problem of the country's soft coal industry Tuesday weighed demands of wage increases by the United Mine Workers of America but indicated they had made little progress toward actual conclusions.

The eighth day of closed negotiations was marked by the entrance of U. M. W. A. President John L. Lewis who sat down as an actual negotiator for the first time.

Lewis and Ezra Van Horn of Cleveland, operator-representative and the chairman of the joint conference, agreed that all issues had been substantially clarified.

"We've been at it quite conscientiously for several days, but it will take several days more," Hora replied what asked what prospects there were for agreement on a new contract by midnight, March 31, when the present two-year contract expires.

Miners in the eight-state Appalachian area, representing 70 percent of the national bituminous production, are asking \$1-a-day wage increase, 200 guaranteed working days a year, and paid vacations as their major objectives.

Van Horn and Lewis said Tuesday's conference considered these demands in the light of their cost to the industry, marketing conditions, and other involved questions.

Van Horn said he had "an opinion to express" on the possibility of work stoppage if a contract is not forthcoming by April 1.

Lewis said earlier that "it would be a lockout" if the contract was not set up by that time.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the district conference.

THOUSAND A MONTH ARE DROPPED FROM PENNA. WPA ROLLS

Supply of Labor Hits Six-Year Low as Direct Relief Rolls Also Take Dip

Harrisburg—WPA is losing workers to the coal fields of Cambria and surrounding country at the rate of more than 1000 a month as the National Defense program increases its tempo. The supply of additional relief labor stands at a six-year low.

The WPA estimates the net loss of relief workers in the past six months at 27,300 persons who left to take private jobs at the rate of 4621 each month. In Allegheny County the average rate was estimated at 707 per month.

In the meantime, re-employment has pulled workers off the state-supported direct relief rolls at the rate of 200 monthly, since private employment resumed its upward trend about the middle of January.

As a result of the double effect of private employment, WPA's backlog of relief workers—men and women receiving direct relief grants and assisting assignment to WPA jobs—today stands at 34,000. It took a precipitate drop in the last week from 44,000.

In some districts WPA must send out 200 notices to get 500 to report for work. The rollbacks summarized are given five days to report, and in that period many find private jobs.

In two weeks, WPA employment in the state dipped from 128,000 on Feb. 28 to 121,700 on March 12. WPA officials began cutting more workers from relief rolls to bring the total up to the March quota of 128,000 but by Wednesday of last week the rolls listed only 121,000 workers.

The WPA employment quota will drop by 15,000 jobs in April, to 110,000—partly because of private employment and partly because of reductions due to the Federal rule that those employed 18 months must be dropped.

It was estimated that more than 3000 WPA workers were dropped in February because of the 18 month rule. WPA is deferring new projects and reducing others because little WPA labor remains in some counties.

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MINERS OF DISTRICT TWO URGE THAT MINE INSPECTORS INCREASE

Special Convention Held in February Adopted Resolution to Legislate and Official

At the special convention of delegates from the various local unions of District No. 2 United Mine Workers of America, held in DuBois last month, the following resolution was adopted: Whereas the State Legislature is now in session at Harrisburg, Pa., and Whereas the State of Pennsylvania is not appropriating enough money to employ the number of mine inspectors necessary to properly inspect the mines, and

Whereas we believe that proper and rigid inspection of coal mines would reduce the fatal and non-fatal accidents in the mining industry of the State of Pennsylvania, and

Whereas we believe that through rigid and proper inspection mine explosions could be avoided,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the delegates of this Convention, assembled in the city of DuBois, Pa., do hereby appeal to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and the State Legislature and State Senate, who are now in session, to appropriate sufficient funds to employ enough inspectors so that all mines in Pennsylvania can be carefully and rigidly inspected at regular periods, thereby cutting down the fatal and non-fatal accidents of those mine workers who take the risk of working in the mines, which is the most hazardous occupation in the state, and which, through fatal accidents, leaves many widows and orphans each year, by appropriating a sufficient sum of money to inspect all mines, both large and small, in the State of Pennsylvania.

And be it further resolved, that a bill be introduced in the next session of the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Chief of Bureau of Mines, and that copies be placed on the desk of each member of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the district conference.

COAL MINES BREAK OLD RECORDS AS TRADE IS STOCKING

Cambria and Surrounding Country Mines Having Greatest of Many Years' Output.

Employment and production in the coal fields of Cambria and surrounding country is greater than at any time since 1927. A survey among leading operators revealed.

Mines are working at capacity, the upward trend towards heavy tonnages having started more than a month ago with no indications of diminishing—at least until something definite comes out of the New York conference on the new wage-hour contract.

With the present operator-miner pact expiring at midnight March 31, consumers are stocking unusually large tonnages against stoppages of mine production next month in the event the new contract is not ready for April 1.

"There is enormous tonnage above ground," one operator said. "By above ground" he referred to coal produced and being held in stock piles in or near industrial plants. Operators said that their customers are "making no secret of the fact that they are stocking against April 1."

In addition to the stocking of coal increased demands by railroads and the speeding up of defense projects have occasioned greater calls for Central Pennsylvania coal than at any time since 1927, it was shown.

Recent tonnages will continue until the end of the month, operators said, but a marked deflection in mining operations is anticipated in April—either through stoppage until a contract is signed or a falling-off in orders until the stocked coal is consumed.

CAMBRIA FIREMEN TO MEET THIS THURSDAY

The Cambria County Volunteer Firemen's Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday evening of this week in the Eagle Hall at South Fork, Chal Dilling, of Nanty-Glo will preside.

Items to be brought up for discussion will be foreign fire insurance and the county convention which is scheduled for the first week in August. It is announced the South Fork Firemen have reached a settlement with Sumnerhill Branch in regard to fire protection for the latter community.

BANK BUILDING SALE IS SCHEDULED, EBENSBURG

Ebensburg—The Ebensburg Trust Building at Main and Centre Streets here will be offered for sale at 10 a. m. on April 13, according to a notice issued last week by L. H. Humbert, deputy receiver of the institution.

The deputy receiver has received a bid of \$25,000 for the bank's four-story brick building and unless a higher bid is submitted at the public sale next month the court of common pleas of the county will be asked to confirm the sale of the building to the firm making the \$25,000 offer.

The building at present contains storerooms on the first floor, office rooms on the second and third floors and lodge rooms and offices on the fourth floor.

The new projects include the construction of a large recreation center for Patton Borough; improvement of state game lands in White and Chest Townships; improvements in the east wing of the Cresson Sanatorium and construction of sewer lines in Ebensburg Borough.

The recreation center for Patton will be located in Clearfield Township, near the easterly limits of the borough, according to information available. It will embrace a swimming pool 100 feet long and 75 feet wide, a clubhouse 100 feet long and 25 feet wide, a tennis court and other facilities.

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CAMBRIA LEGION DISCUSSES HOME DEFENSE PROJECT

Adopt Resolution Asking for A Check Up on Naturalization Applicants.

The Cambria County Legion Committee, meeting on Wednesday evening of last week in the St. Michael hotel, centered discussion on the new home defense unit to be formed in Pennsylvania.

The units are to be formed along lines of the National Guard and probably will be equipped at National Guard armories. It was pointed out that under this system, no home defense unit will be established in this county.

However, it was understood that contacts have been made at Harrisburg relative to having an armory located in Cambria county, once the home defense plan is given the final approval of the legislature.

The organization adopted a resolution asking that citizenship papers of all alien applicants be withheld until the Federal Bureau of Investigation had made a complete check-up on each applicant. The committee also went on record as favoring a resolution requesting the general assembly to ratify the present fishing rights bill to restrict fishing on any dam or body of water vital to national defense. The group authorized the secretary to send a letter to local representatives in the legislature asking them to support a bill calling for the removal of the Communist party from the ballot.

Representatives were authorized to contact department headquarters relative to action on the selection of a site for the 1941 boys state camp. The county body has suggested that the Cambria County Fair Grounds be made the site of the 1941 camp since Indian-wagon Camp is now being used as a military recreation by the National Guard.

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