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MURRAY CHARGES SCHEME HATCHED TO FOIL UNIONS

Declares Certain Forces Seeking to Prevent Greatest Output by CIO Steel Workers

President Philip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations has charged that recent developments indicate a conspiracy to "prejudice the public mind, and, if possible, the war labor board," against the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

He wrote to WLB Chairman William Davis that the CIO wished to call the board's attention to these "strange developments" so that the case involving the SWOC's dispute with "little steel" companies would be "decided on its merits."

Certain government and industry officials, Murray wrote, "seem determined to prevent the steel workers of the Nation from making their maximum contribution to the war effort—through a strong secure, union and the minimum replenishment of seriously depleted living standards—by a premeditated publicity campaign."

He cited these four developments: The appearance of Price Administrator Leon Henderson before the board "with a demand—if not a threat" against wage increases for steel workers.

A recent Chicago speech by J. K. Galbraith, Henderson's assistant, in which Galbraith reached the astounding conclusion that the Nation's workers already have too much money; that they should have no more.

A speech in New York last Wednesday by William Leiserson, a member of the national labor relations board, in which he was quoted as saying that if the steel case is decided on its merits the war labor board must necessarily fall and as a consequence the union shop question would inevitably go to congress to be outlawed.

"Virtual edicts on the union shop issue" by the four "little steel" companies involved in the dispute, He said he based this on a newspaper report "which hinted at a compromise in the little steel case on union security."

DELINQUENTS WARNED EITHER TO PAY COURT COSTS OR GO TO JAIL

"Pay up or go to jail." This was the order given recently by President Judge John H. McCann to men who owe the county money and who are working.

"During the depression there might have been some excuse for men who owe court costs not paying," McCann said. "However, conditions have since changed and many of these men are working and can pay. Unless they do so or arrange to pay, I will issue attachments for their arrest."

The attachments will be issued to James M. Jones, assistant probation officer, who has charge of collecting delinquency court costs.

During the past two years Jones has collected \$16,690.24 in court costs, restitutions and lying-in expenses. In some instances the costs had been owing the county since 1918.

While no record is kept as to the total of court costs owed to the Cambria County, it is believed to be over \$50,000. Some of the defendants have left the state, while others have died. Costs are placed on all defendants found or pleading guilty, even on the ones sentenced to die in the electric chair.

EMERY DIETRICK SOON TO BE AVIATION LIEUTENANT

In sight of his wings and commission as a flying lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, Aviation Cadet Emery A. Dietrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Dietrick of Patton, graduated last week as a member of the Goodfellow Field, Tex., flying school.

Cadet Dietrick now moves on to Victoria, Tex., advanced flying school, where he will receive the final phase of his flight training, learning to handle faster, more powerful ships of war, and to specialize in pursuit, bombardment, or observation flying.

At Goodfellow Field he received his first experience in night flying, aerobatics, cross country, instrument, and formation flying. In ground school he was instructed in radio code, weather, engine maintenance and military law.

Cadet Dietrick served as flight engineer on a bomber with the 74th Bombardment Squadron, Albrook Field, Panama, before becoming an Aviation Cadet.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKS ON HORSESHOE CURVE

An eastbound Pennsylvania Railroad freight train was wrecked Saturday on the famous "Horseshoe Curve," a few miles west of Altoona. It was the third wreck on the middle division in less than a week.

POPULAR ORGANIZER OF MINERS EXPIRES

Fred D. Thomas, who was international organizer for the United Mine Workers of America in the Johnstown district for nearly seven years, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home in Du Bois last Friday night.

The veteran organizer had retired from active service in March, 1941, after many years spent in unionization work. He was one of the most respected and best-known U. M. W. A. organizers in this section of the state.

Mr. Thomas was placed in charge of the Johnstown district in 1934 and served until March of last year, when he retired because of poor health. He was married and the father of four children.

NO WAITING PERIOD FOR NEW SOLDIERS, DRAFT HEAD RULES

Selectees Passing Physical Exams at Altoona Go Immediately to U. S. Army Camps

There is to be no more "waiting period" for men selected by draft boards for Army service.

Men ordered into the Army under the selective service system will be inducted the same day they are given the Army physical examination, the headquarters at Washington have announced.

Under the new order in some instances, since the adoption of the plan now in use in May, 1941, an intervening period of 30 days "waiting period" elapsed between the time of examination and induction.

Selective service officials said the War Department had assured them that under the system now to be used, in any cases where immediate induction would cause undue hardship, the registrant would be given a furlough immediately upon being inducted in order to adjust civilian affairs.

Local selective service boards are to continue to give screening examinations, rejecting the obviously unfit men, and giving others a fair idea of what their chances of induction will be when examined by the Army physicians.

Under the new procedure the same rights of appeal and of personal appearance before their local boards is to be granted.

PATTON CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL IS PREPARING

General Mass Meeting to Be Held Friday of Next Week at Patton Fire Hall

The various committees and executives of the Patton Civilian Defense Council have about completed the general plans as set-up by the state and federal governments, and all departments are rapidly taking shape.

Postmaster George Lehman has completed an instruction course in air defense work and as chief air raid warden of the Patton area is now at work instructing assistant wardens.

A general mass meeting will be held in the Firemen's Hall at Patton on Friday of next week, March 6, at 8:15 o'clock, at which time Mr. Lehman will instruct the general public as to the proper manner of conduct during an air raid. This meeting is important, and the people of the community are urged to attend it.

The personnel of the Patton Auxiliary Fire Company has now been gathered and the new members are now being instructed by regular fire company members.

First-aid classes are also a part of the local emergency set-up, with Russell Little chairman of the committee and Rev. Thomas McQuillen the instructor.

The Air Defense warning system has not been activated in this area as yet, but everything is in readiness to man the observation posts within a few hours notice. Phones have been installed in the two observation towers sponsored by Patton.

The chairman of all the committees will meet in the Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday evening of this week at 8:15 to report on all activities. Committee chairmen are expected to be present.

GRIFFITH PLEDGES AID TO JUVENILES

Complete cooperation in Cambria County juvenile aid work was pledged by Judge George W. Griffith in a conference with the county juvenile commission in Johnstown last week.

Plans were made for the commission to meet with Jack Reese, probation bureau visitor, for a discussion of the procedures.

—A local man says he has state tags on both ends of his car, a federal stamp on the windshield, and a mortgage on the whole thing.

REVERSE RULING BOOSTS MINERS' BENEFIT CHECKS

State Unemployment Fund Payments Increase Fifty Per Cent Over Last Year.

The effects of Secretary of Labor and Industry Lewis G. Hines' rulings that two mine strikes, involving some 40,000 men were not industrial disputes are being shown in the State's Unemployment Compensation Fund payments.

The total of benefit checks has increased weekly this month as local employment offices have approved miners' claims averaging \$15 a week.

Mr. Hines ruled last November that the men involved in the captive mine strike in Western Pennsylvania were engaged in an industrial dispute, thus were not entitled to unemployment compensation.

He changed the ruling in January and held the strike was not an industrial dispute within the meaning of the compensation law, thus awarding about \$15 weekly to 26,000 miners.

Similarly Mr. Hines changed a November ruling that a strike of 15,000 hard coal miners against union assessments was a labor dispute. He ruled recently that it was not a labor dispute as far as 13,000 of the men were concerned.

With the rulings in effect this month, benefit payments as of February 14 showed a 50 per cent increase over the average for the latter part of last year.

Last week benefit payments increased from 36,933 to 42,638. The two rulings, it is estimated, cost the Compensation Fund nearly one million dollars.

"The fund, currently taking in more than four times as much as is paid out in benefits, due to heavy payrolls and a sharp reduction in unemployment, has increased its balance on hand to the all-time high mark of 229 million dollars."

DEFENSE COUNCIL PLANS VOLUNTEER CORPS OF HALF MILLION IN STATE

Harrisburg—With its air raid wardens and auxiliary firemen reasonably well trained, the State Defense Council has turned its attention to expansion of the protective defense corps to a half million volunteers.

The program began in two of the eight civilian defense areas of the state, Philadelphia and Williamsport, where region meetings were held to acquaint county training directors with the program.

The corps will include air raid wardens and firemen, as well as rescue squads and 13 other units having specialized duties. Volunteers must take the basic training course as well as first aid training before they will be awarded official civilian defense arm bands.

The corps will be developed by instructions in each county under a county director of civilian defense schools. As rapidly as these directors are appointed, they are being brought to regional meetings for instructions, after which they will train units in their own territories. Instructions are under supervision of Dr. Fred W. Hoelzer.

More than 200,000 of the necessary 500,000 volunteers already are enrolled.

GARY SURGEON DEPARTS TO ASSUME NEW POST IN ORIENTAL BASE HOSPITAL

Dr. Leo K. Cooper, formerly of this place, but now located at 578 Broadway, Gary, Indiana, left to report for assignment as an orthopedic surgeon at a base hospital near an industrial plant producing war materials in the Orient. He said he was under instructions not to reveal his destination.

Dr. Cooper is unmarried, and has practiced at 504 Broadway for a year and a half. He was graduated from Northwestern University Medical School, and took graduate study in the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, majoring in orthopedic surgery. He completed his study in the University Hospital, Iowa City, Ia.

GASOLINE RATIONING EXPECTED IN SPRING

Leaders in the petroleum industry have expressed the belief generally that rationing of gasoline on a nationwide scale was in the picture by late spring.

They felt confident, however, that the rationing system would be in no way comparable in stringency to auto, tube and tire rationing, but would allow all car owners at least restricted supplies of gasoline.

—A dear old lady wishing to send a Christmas greeting to her minister made up a box and put in this note: "Dear Reverend: Knowing that you do not eat sweets, I am sending candy to your wife, and nuts to you."

ELIGIBLE LISTS FOR NEW CAR BUYING GROUP MADE PUBLIC

Ration Regulations Revealed by Henderson's Office Shows Fourteen Groups.

Regulations for distributing 340,000 new passenger automobiles by local rationing boards this year, to persons in 14 eligible groups, have been announced by the OPM.

State and county quotas will be announced soon for 140,000 new cars to be rationed between March 2 and May 31. Quotas for 200,000 to be rationed during the final seven months of 1942 will be announced before the 31st of May.

The announcement warned that many eligible persons will not be able to get new autos, since less than 10 per cent of last year's motor car production is available for sale.

Eligible classifications include: Physicians, surgeons, visiting nurses and farm veterinarians; clergymen; institutions needing ambulances; firemen; police officials requiring a car for official duty; other public health and safety officials; persons carrying mail under government contract; licensed jitneys, taxis or similar transportation operators; individuals using autos in connection with essential construction, repair and maintenance services.

Executives, technicians, engineers, or workers directly or indirectly connected with the prosecution of the war; Federal, state, local or foreign government employees directly connected with protecting public health and safety or prosecution of the war effort; farmers lacking other means of transporting produce or supplies to and from market; traveling salesmen handling essential supplies, and persons carrying newspapers for wholesale delivery.

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Class 1-B includes men whose vision was rated between 20-100 and 20-400, correctable to 20-40 with glasses. The ones who are rated over 20-200 will not be recalled under the new regulations.

In other words, a man now may be drafted if he can read at 20 feet what the "normal eye" can read at 200 feet provided his vision can be so improved with the aid of glasses that he is able to read the same thing at 40 feet.

As for teeth, no specific number is required and even false teeth and dentures will be acceptable. Army doctors will have wide discretion and be permitted to O. K. any registrant whose teeth are believed to be strong enough to chew Army chow.

If a draftee's teeth should become troublesome after he's inducted, the Army explained, they'll be "repaired," replaced or "yanked" at government expense.

The men will be reclassified into 1-A by their own local boards. They will then have 10 days in which to appeal for a deferment on grounds of occupation or dependency, if they wish.

Upon expiration of that period, or the refusal of their appeal, the men will be ordered to report for a re-examination by the Army. Induction will take place between 10 and 30 days afterward.

SEND DRAFT QUESTIONS TO THE LOCAL BOARDS

If there's anything you want to know concerning your status in the draft, ask your local board—because that's where your query will wind up anyway.

This has been announced by Col. B. F. Evans, acting state conscription director, who said a large number of draft registrants are directing requests to state and National selective service headquarters and even to the President.

Evans points out that a draft question sent to President Roosevelt is referred to National headquarters, who refers it to the state headquarters, which in turn, refers it to the questioner's local board.

ARMY REJECTIONS ARE NOT INDICATIVE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The percentage of rejections for men for the armed service is not an index of the state of public health. The Army recognizes only three classes as far as physical fitness is concerned: (1) qualified for general military service; (2) qualified for limited military service; (3) disqualified for military service. So far, only the first class has been called and that class necessarily takes the cream of the men of military age.

MURRAY DEMANDS FUND FOR JOBLESS

Philip Murray, president of the CIO, has renewed his demands for unemployment benefits for workers throughout of jobs because of war dislocations.

Asserting that "labor is profoundly shocked by the cold-blooded refusal of the House ways and means committee to provide benefits" for workers, Murray called for an appropriation of \$300,000,000 to be administered by President Roosevelt.

Murray wrote House leaders Saturday that existing unemployment compensation provisions "are completely inadequate to meet the situation."

The ways and means committee last week voted 16 to eight against the Administration's benefit program after several state governors protested the proposed legislation would federalize the state compensation programs.

FULL WAR DUTY FACED BY THOSE WITH BAD TEETH

Men Deferred Because of Poor Vision Likewise to Get Into Limited Army Service.

Draftees with bad teeth, previously earmarked for limited service only, now are liable for any kind of military duty anywhere in the world.

The U. S. Army has disclosed that the lowering of physical requirements concerning draftees' teeth will permit their induction for "full military service."

Men previously deferred because of poor vision, however, will be accepted under the new regulations only for non-combatant duty.

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WOLF FURNITURE CO. NAMES PRIZE WINNERS

First week's winners of Free Gifts offered to people who register each week at the Wolf Furniture Co., Barnesboro, were as follows:

\$25 Defense Bond, B. C. Michaels, Emehigh, Pa.; 7-Way Floor Lamp, Jess Rice, Emehigh, and Beautiful End Table, Ed Churan, Spangler.

The above listed free gifts are given each week to the lucky person who registers each week at Barnesboro store. Persons are not required to make purchases to register. The free gifts are offered in an effort of the Wolf Furniture Co. to promote further good-will, for advertising value, and to have more people visit the remodeled Wolf Furniture Co. store. Watch this paper each week for winners.

PHILIPSBURG DAILY ADOPTS 5-DAY ISSUE

A five-day publishing schedule was inaugurated last week for the duration of the war by the Philippsburg Daily Journal, 54-year old Centre County newspaper.

Pointing to rising production costs and the fact that newspaper materials are on priority lists, E. F. Bair, publisher, said that the Saturday issue is to be discontinued "to help conserve the materials so essential for a successful conclusion of the war."

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DRAFT LOTTERY IS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEW REGISTRANTS

St. Patrick's Day Chosen for Fish-bowl Drawing of Green Capsules to Decide Order.

St. Patrick's Day—Tuesday, March 17—is the date selected for the draft lottery for the men in the 20-44 age group, who registered recently.

Selective service officials have announced that the Nation's first wartime draft lottery in 24 years will be staged on March 17 to determine the order in which the new selective service registrants will be called up for military service.

The registrants who enrolled February 9 were registered on green cards.

The historic fishbowl that served for the lotteries of World War I and the two previous drawings under the present system, will again be used to hold the order numbers of the newly-registered men.

The numbers will be sealed in green capsules. Brig.-Gen. Lewis B. Hershey has announced that the lowest number will be 10,001 and the highest number between 18,000 and 19,000.

The span between 1 and 10,000 was utilized in the first two lotteries.

Hershey disclosed that the order numbers of the "10,000 men" will not be integrated in the old master lists as were the numbers of the 21-year-old men who registered last July. He stated that the present lists of eligible men will be exhausted before the government dips into the new rolls.

New registrants probably will not be called before May, according to selective service headquarters. Until that time, War Department quotas will be filled from the ranks of those in the 21-35 year brackets who signed up in 1940 and 1941.

General Hershey pointed out that "publication of order numbers, or even names, in communities is authorized, as such publications will not reveal exactly the total number of registrants enrolled throughout the Nation in the February registration—information which is still restricted by the War Department."

Participating schools follow: Ashville, Barnesboro, Black Lick, Twp., Cassandra, E. Conemaugh, Mineral Point, Ebensburg, Franklin, Coupon, Hastings, Mundy's Corner, Lilly, Lorain, Lower Yoder Twp., Southville, Colver, Revloc and Mylo schools in Cambria Twp.; Linsoln, Bon Air, Gossard, Conemaugh Twp.; Ehrenfeld, Rutherford, Croyle Twp.; Dry Run, Cross Roads, Bradley, E. Carroll Twp.; Smeokey Valley, Libby, Elder Twp.; Jamestown, Benscreek, Portage Twp.; Beaverdale, Wilmore, Summerhill Twp.; Garman, Allport, Susquehanna Twp.; Riley, Robine, Washington Twp.; Westmont; St. Mary's Parochial Schools in Patton and Gallitzin.

CAMBRIA COUNTY PUPILS PURCHASE \$20,254 IN U. S. SAVINGS BONDS, STAMPS

Teachers and pupils of the Cambria County schools already have purchased a total of \$20,254.30 worth of National Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps, it is announced by Dr. A. M. Stull, county superintendent of schools.

Pupils of the high school and elementary school of Gallitzin Borough are leading all other county schools with the purchase of \$2,405.50 worth of Bonds and Stamps. Leading the elementary school is Colver, where \$2,107.54 already has been collected. The Robine School of Washington Twp. tops the list of two-room schools with \$695 and the leading one-room school is the Libby School in Elder Twp., where \$116 has been turned in.

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