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MINE WORKERS REQUEST THAT THEY BE PERMITTED TO BUY HEAVY ON BONDS

Letter Sent to Secretary of Treasury Signed by Lewis and Kennedy Recently.

The United Mine Workers, both as regards individual membership and Local Unions, have subscribed 100 per cent to Defense Bonds and Canadian Victory Bonds. Throughout the coal fields liberal donations have been made to the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Under a regulation imposed by the U. S. Treasury, International Unions are forbidden to purchase more than \$50,000 in bonds in any one year. This regulation has stymied officials of International Unions in their effort to help finance the war to the fullest. The United Mine Workers and certain government officials have on occasion sought to have the bottleneck restriction removed without result. With bond buying lagging, President Lewis and Secretary Kennedy of the U. M. W. of A., join in another appeal to Secretary Mongan-thau, asking that such unreasonable restrictions be removed. Their letter follows:

Hon. Henry Mongan-thau, Secretary of the Treasury.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The membership of the United Mine Workers of America and the facilities of the organization, as such, are in full cooperation with the nation's war effort. Large scale individual purchases of Defense Bonds, enlistment in the special military services far beyond the draft quotas, cooperation in the large scale recovery of iron scrap in the mining industry, reduction of absenteeism and other material contributions are indicative of the practical nature of its cooperation.

In 1941 and in 1942, the International Union purchased from the Treasury Department the maximum permissible amount of Defense Savings Bonds. The Union would like to increase its purchases of these bonds from funds available in its central treasury. A treasury regulation limits such purchases to \$50,000 per annum. We venture to suggest that there is no justification for the inclusion.

JOHN MITCHELL DAY ON WEDNESDAY GAVE HOLIDAY TO MINERS

However, Will Be Work Saturday in North County Mines to Keep Production High

District coal miners, working at full capacity, suspended work Wednesday to do honor to John Mitchell. Work, however, will be done Saturday to keep production from lagging. Several U. M. W. A. locals in this section staged parades to give due honor to "the man who gave miners the eight-hour day." The holiday is provided for in the present Appalachian agreement between the union and the operators.

All indications are to the fact that there will be work in the pits on Good Friday and Easter Monday, due to national defense needs. No provision is made in the agreement for holidays on these two days, although there is usually a lag in production.

Although April 1 is commonly known as John Mitchell Day, it is also referred to as John L. Lewis Day in honor of the present U. M. W. A. chief who secured the seven-hour day for union miners seven years ago.

John Mitchell, pioneering proponent of labor, who rose to the U. M. W. A. presidency at the age of 28, fought a bitter but successful battle to give the miners the eight-hour day in 1903. At the same time he secured wage increases.

Celebrations were held in Nanty-Glo, Jerome, and a joint observance was held by Colver and Revloc locals. Parades were held at all three places at 10 a. m., and following the parade at Colver miners heard addresses by Lew Evans of Colver and Bernard Timms of Marsteller, union board members.

CAPTAIN JOHN BINDER IS CALLED TO SERVICE

John L. Binder, prominent Barnesboro hardware merchant, has been commissioned as a captain in the U. S. Army and called to active duty by the War Department.

Capt. Binder was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1918 and served as a lieutenant in the infantry in World War I. Since the outbreak of the present war Capt. Binder has been devoting much time to civilian defense work.

—Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps.

STORES TO BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The America Goes to Church Committee of Northern Cambria County and the Northern Cambria Businessmen's Association request that all the stores in this area close their doors between the hours of 12 and 3 on Good Friday. The general public is requested to cooperate by doing their shopping before or after these hours. Wm. K. Blatt, chairman of America Goes to Church Committee. E. F. Routh, president of Northern Cambria Businessmen's Association.

MURRAY LAUDS THE RECORD OF LABOR AS BEING SPLENDID

Bitterly Condemns Those Who Would Have Sweatshops Return Under War Guise.

Declaring labor has a "splendid war record," President Philip Murray of the C. I. O. on Sunday assailed those seeking to abolish 40-hour week provisions. He spoke at Charlotte, North Carolina.

The real purpose of the campaign, he said, is to slash low wages of war workers and destroy protective legislation so that "sweatshops may flourish again and unscrupulous employers may make unholy profits."

"Hitler and Goebbels themselves could devise no more effective method to destroy national unity," Murray told a rally sponsored by the C. I. O. Textile Workers Union. He called the campaign "this rotten effort of our country's labor baiters to slash wages and destroy labor unions."

Declaring leaders of the drive are members of Congress from states where poll taxes permit only the more prosperous minority to vote, Murray also attacked the poll tax voting requirements.

The C. I. O. will do everything possible to obtain the abolition of "undemocratic poll-tax laws," he said.

EASTER MONDAY TO USHER IN SUNSET'S NEW DANCE SEASON

Art Jarrett, Whose Members Are of Hal Kemp Band, Will Be the Opening Card.



ART JARRETT

Sunset, one of the nation's outstanding ball rooms, all dressed up in its new Easter garb, will again usher in the spring and summer dance season on Easter Monday.

Art Jarrett who is well known to dance lovers and movie fans throughout the nation, will bring his famous aggregation to the popular rendezvous. Art's band is made up of members of the late Hal Kemp's orchestra and their late recordings, with Victor label, are among the best sellers. They are coming to Sunset direct from a three months' engagement at the Black Hawk Restaurant, Chicago.

Art has an outstanding tenor voice and has been featured with many of America's big time bands. His rare combination of good looks and good voice have won for him many leading roles in movies. He has been featured with Joan Crawford in "Dancing Lady," with Ginger Rogers in "Sitting Pretty," with Ann Southern in "Let's Fall in Love" and with Carol Lombard in "The Gay Bride."



IN Christian lands the world over you will see a joyous, unified expression of devotion on Easter Day. When all peoples no matter what their station in life participate in this festival to commemorate the resurrection of Christ. Big city or small . . . mansion or hut, Easter Day has a holy significance recognized by all who have taken His faith. Come to Church!

IN this section Easter Day will be observed in all the Churches. Special sermons and services will be given. Attend your church on Easter Day with your friends and neighbors. With the man who delivers your milk . . . the clerk at the store on the corner . . . Bring your family to Church on Easter Day. Observe this great Feast in a most fitting manner!

LOCAL MINE WORKERS SETTING FINE MARKS IN BUYING OF BONDS

Payroll Deductions Average Six and One-Half Dollars A Month Edward Sweeney Says.

Cambria county coal miners—those who are not laying down their picks and going off to carry guns—are doing their share in buying defense bonds and stamps.

This was disclosed last Thursday evening at a meeting of chairmen of defense savings committees in Cambria, Somerset, and Indiana Counties. The meeting, held in Johnstown, was called for the purpose of having defense savings chairmen receive instructions from Benjamin Ludlow of Philadelphia, state administrator of defense savings.

Edward Sweeney, secretary treasurer of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, announced that 65 per cent of 48,000 union miners in his district, already had authorized employers to make payroll deductions for the purchase of stamps and bonds.

"The average deduction to date is \$8.50 per month," Sweeney said, "and you can bet those miners will increase that amount."

L. F. Crouse, general superintendent of the Monroe Coal Mining Company at Revloc, announced that a hurried survey showed that employees of 10 Cambria County mines authorized deductions in the amount of \$17,276 for the March 1-17 pay period. "That is \$85,000 a month from ten mines only," said Crouse, "and each successive month will show a corresponding increase."

Secretary-Treasurer Sweeney also disclosed that district officers had authorized him to purchase defense bonds to the amount of \$7,000 in the name of District 2.

YOU WILL HAVE TO CUT DOWN ON TEA DRINKING

The War Production Board has taken steps to cut American tea consumption by 50 per cent. The action was described as a precautionary measure because shipments of tea from the Far East are uncertain.

Grocers were instructed by the WPE to limit sales of tea to each family so that 50 per cent allotment to stores will be distributed evenly among the consumer public and not bought up by hoarders.

The regular Saturday night dance will be inaugurated on Saturday, April 11th, with Brad Hunt and his Orchestra, and dancing will continue every Saturday throughout the season, with the finest road bands available.

BARBER SHOPS OPEN THIS THURSDAY AFTERNOON

For the convenience of the customers before the Easter holiday, the Union shops of the Northern Cambria Barber's Association will remain open this Thursday afternoon. All of the members of the association, however, are requested to close between the hours of 12 and 3 on Good Friday afternoon.

FEW CANDIDATES FILE FOR MAY PRIMARIES

Only a small number of candidates filed papers for nominations to various offices in Cambria County for the May 19 primary.

In the city of Johnstown for the Assembly fight only two Democrats and two Republicans filed at the State Elections Bureau before Tuesday—the deadline—with only two to be nominated by each party in that district.

Eddie McCloskey and Fred G. Abraham, Johnstown, and Robert Clark, Westmont, will battle for the Democratic nomination for congressman for the 27th District. Harve Tibbott, Edensburg, and Lieut.-Col. Louis J. Lampke, Southmont, will contest for the Republican nomination.

Candidates for the seat of assemblyman from the 2nd District of the county, with three to be nominated by each party, are as follows:

Democrats—Thomas A. Owens, of Carrolltown; Michael C. Chervenak, Portage; Albert L. O'Connor, Loreto; and Michael R. Cocho, Twin Rocks; Republicans—William R. Stich, Carrolltown; Albert S. Beam, Upper Yoder Township, and Edith G. Miller of Geistown.

KIWANIS TO SPONSOR CAMP PROJECT DRIVE

Beginning with the week of April 13 and continuing for a period of two weeks, a drive will be conducted by the North Cambria Kiwanis Club to raise the sum of \$5,000, to be used for the development of the Kiwanis Camp for the underprivileged of the county.

New equipment is to be secured, a new swimming pool built, and larger facilities for the entertainment of the summer campers is to be provided.

The public is asked to include in their budget a generous contribution for this splendid work which has been outstanding in the history of Cambria County's benevolent endeavors.

Committees will visit the various organizations and individuals to solicit for this cause during the second week of April. Watch for further announcements.

MURRAY AND GREEN BOTH WARN AGAINST ANY CURBS ON LABOR

Bitterly Oppose Passage of Smith-Vinson Bill to Suspend Overtime; Outlaw Closed Shop.

The CIO and the AFL, traditional rivals, now united in a common fight, last Thursday denounced legislation for war time curbs on labor as an "upraised knife" aimed at the welfare of workers giving "freely of their sweat and blood and toil" to hasten defeat of America's enemies.

Testifying before the House Naval Affairs Committee at Washington, CIO President Philip Murray and AFL Chief William Green speaking for approximately 10,000,000 worker members, urged defeat of the Vinson-Smith bill to suspend overtime provisions of the Wage-Hour Act, outlaw the closed shop, and limit war profits to six per cent.

Green charged that supporters of the measure are waging an "undeclared war against President Roosevelt and against the workers of America who believe in the policies of his administration."

"I ask Congress not to slap America's loyal workers in the face by approving this bill," he said. "I ask Congress to give American labor new heart and new courage for the tasks ahead by defeating this dangerous measure."

Murray declared that passage of the bill would "uproot with a single gesture" all the fundamentals of employer-employee relationships established through years of difficult and oftentimes bloody effort.

"With their backs bent over their machines, their hearts and minds devoted to increased and ever-increased production," the CIO head said, "the workers now look over their shoulders and find behind them, with knife upraised, groups who would at this time renew old attacks upon the working man and his organization."

Congress, he said, has the grave responsibility of determining whether the knife will be plunged or whether the faith of labor in the agencies of government will be fulfilled and "X X X" those who seek to weaken our national war effort by spreading suspicion and distrusts are to be silenced once and for all for the duration." (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

STATE CIVILIAN PROTECTION

An army of 275,000 persons is ready to help protect the civilian population of Pennsylvania in event of air raids, the State Defense Council reports. Enrollment of volunteers in citizens' defense corps units has passed this mark with a number of counties at full strength in air raid wardens and auxiliary police.

COAL SHORTAGE MAY LOOM IF DEFERMENTS ARE NOT GIVEN MEN

Statewide Survey Is Planned By Operators and State Secretary of Mines.

Coal Companies in Cambria, Somerset and Indiana Counties are experiencing an acute labor shortage, due to the fact that approximately 3,500 miners in the three counties have been called to military service. As a result of this situation operators of mines are cooperating with Richard D. Maize, state mining secretary, in making a state wide survey to determine the effect of selective service on coal production in the state.

At the same time, Maize indicated the majority of the commonwealth's colliery workers will lose transportation to the mines unless rationing officials allow tires for their automobiles.

Pointing out nothing has yet been done by national selective service headquarters to grant military deferment to miners, Maize said:

"This cannot continue very long, else there will be an acute shortage of manpower in the mines. Without some deferment consideration coal production will be affected. The whole foundation of the war effort is on the miners' shoulders because, without coal, we can't make steel. If plants don't get coal, the munitions worker isn't worth very much."

Maize said the survey will be made in the "near future" unless the federal government takes definite steps to classify miners as essential war workers. The study will be designed to "find out how many are subject to the draft and how many can be replaced," he said.

Maize disclosed an independent survey made by the Western Pennsylvania Coal Operators' Association showing 14,506 of 29,130 workers in 90 mines—well over 50 per cent, are subject to draft calls. Approximately 4,000 "key" workers are included in the summary. A comparatively few mines reported replacements were possible.

Mr. Maize emphasized that production has remained fairly stable, although approximately eight per cent of Pennsylvania's 213,000 hard and soft coal miners have moved into military service. Maize said a large percentage of miner-draftees have been replaced by men still unaffected by the draft, but warned replacements could not continue apace.

During the first two months of 1942 bituminous mines produced 22,850,000 tons of soft coal, compared with 21,246,000 tons the corresponding period in 1941. The anthracite yield, however, fell off. A total of 8,844,000 tons of hard coal was mined in January and February, compared with 9,607,000 tons during the corresponding period of last year.

COLVER BUS SCHEDULE STARTED ON TUESDAY

Bus service from Barnesboro and Hastings and other towns in Northern Cambria County started on Tuesday morning. J. W. Davidson, Ebensburg, holds a temporary certificate of public convenience for the service. Bus service between towns in Northern Cambria County and Revloc will not begin until next week.

Following is the schedule now followed. Leave Barnesboro at 5 a. m., following Route 219 to Carrolltown, and stopping to pick up passengers along the route; leave Carrolltown at 5:30 a. m., following Route 219 to the Colver T, picking up passengers en route and arriving at Colver at 5:55 a. m.

The Hastings schedule follows: To leave Hastings at 5 a. m., arriving at St. Boniface at 5:05; Patton, 5:15 a. m., arriving at Carrolltown at 5:25 a. m. The bus will then follow the same route as the Barnesboro bus into Colver, taking on passengers en route.

Return trips will be made to places along the Barnesboro and Hastings routes following the mantrip at the Ebensburg Coal Co. mine at about 3 p. m.

Men working in Revloc who desire to take the Colver bus will be afforded transportation from Colver to Monroe Coal mine at Revloc.

Mr. Davidson has made application to the State Public Utility Commission for a permanent certificate to provide service, contending that it is necessary to the Nation's war effort as many miners will be deprived the use of cars because of tire rationing.

BARNESBORO GIRL TO WED.

Announcement has been made of the betrothal of Miss Annette Matejczyk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Matejczyk, of Barnesboro, and Dr. Francis J. Rigel of Cleveland, O. The ceremony will be performed April 6 in St. John's Cnty Chapel in Erie. The prospective bride is a graduate of the Spangler hospital nurses training school.