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## ASKS MINERS RETURN TO WORK UNDER MINE SUPERVISION OF U. S.

Formal Decision Reached Late on Tuesday By the International Policy Committee.

The International Policy Committee of the United Mine Workers of America, in session in Washington, D. C., on Tuesday night of this week, ordered the mine workers back into the pits until October 31st, with a broad indication that during that time they would resort to the courts to obtain the portal-to-portal pay the War Labor Board refused to give them in a decision handed down last week, and which had caused the men to remain out of the pits, starting on Sunday midnight, at the expiration of the truce they had been working under.

The announcement of the back-to-work decision laid heavy stress on the fact that the men were returning to work under existing pay and conditions, only as employees of the government of the United States and not of the mine ownership.

"This arrangement," the statement said, "is predicated upon operation of the mines and their collateral production units by the United States Government and will automatically terminate if government control is vacated prior to the above mentioned date."

The indication of reliance on the courts to get underground travel pay came in this paragraph of the announcement:

"The executive officers of the international union are hereby expressly authorized to exercise their decision in the filing of suits at law or by other necessary means, to protect the equity of the membership in the matter of portal-to-portal compensation, both as to current and deferred liability."

President John L. Lewis of the U. M. W. of A., was asked after the policy committee meeting if there were any other arrangements with Solid Fuels Administrator Harold L. Ickes, government custodian of the mines. He said the committee statement spoke for itself. Asked whether the check-off of union dues would be continued, Lewis merely pointed to the statement which said that "minimum wages and conditions" will be continued.

Ickes said: "The mine workers understand that my job is solely to produce the coal necessary for war purposes and to heat America's homes this winter. To do this will require the utmost cooperation of the coal industry. I feel sure that this cooperation will be given."

While President Lewis appeared to have given ground, in that he ordered the miners back without getting the \$1.30 a day the policy committee has demanded, the mines by the same token appeared to be lost to the operators temporarily, if not for the entire duration of the war. How extensive a form government control will take remains to be seen.

One point was still at issue—there had been no compliance with the WLB order that the miners sign a contract embodying substantially the conditions under which they were ordered back to work—something that the miners, for their own protection, surely won't do.

**Many Miners Do Not Return.** But many mines in this district are not working today, Thursday. Resentment appeared last night in the ranks of the U. M. W. over a proposal of President Roosevelt to induct striking employees of government operated industries up to the age of 65. Also, in many of the local unions, the miners are embittered over failure to gain a wage increase.

Mines reported as working today are: St. Benedict, Marsteller, Cassandra, Vintondale and a few others, totalling not more, perhaps, than in the neighborhood of 3,000 men.

Mines that did not operate today, it is said, are, among others in this section: Nanty-Glo, Scalp Level, Revloc, Windber, Barnesboro, St. Michael, Colver, Elmora, Beaverdale, St. Michael, Hastings, South Fork, Lilly.

Sentiment against a return to work rose strong in the coal fields of this area since the district would have benefitted by the \$1.30 portal-to-portal pay proposal on which the miners and the Central Pennsylvania operators had reached a tentative agreement, but were unable to reach a written contract.

Because the official orders from headquarters did not reach the local unions until late yesterday, a number of mine locals are meeting today to decide whether to return to work.

Flat rejections against resumption of operations without a union contract came from the largest of the local unions in the areas at meetings. Hopes that the men will "reconsider" their action, were expressed by district board members.

## ADVISER TO BYRNES



WAR INDUSTRY Board Chairman in World War I, Bernard M. Baruch (above) was named by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, as his special personal adviser. Baruch will serve without title and without salary, in the drive to stem inflationary trends.

## BARNESBORO SLATES AMATEUR EVENT WITH A PATRIOTIC BLENDING

Thursday of Next Week Will Be First of Series of Community Meets in Neighbor Town

The Victory Sing and Amateur Show, sponsored by the Barnesboro Business Men's Association, which had originally been scheduled for the evening of June 16th, but which had to be abandoned because of a heavy rainstorm, has now been re-scheduled for the night of Thursday, July 1st, starting at eight o'clock, in the New Barnesboro High School Stadium.

This is an entirely new production and the entire program is without charge. Prizes will be given to contestants in the show, the first award being \$10.00, the second, \$5.00, and the third, \$3.00.

Contestants in the north of the county desiring to enter these amateur shows can write their intention to the President of the Barnesboro Business Men's Association, sponsors of the entertainment.

Victory songs and other musical entertainment will add in giving the gathering a patriotic blend. Everybody is welcome to go to the affair and enjoy an evening of hilarious fun, singing, your own included, and some good entertainment.

## NEW RED CROSS LEADERS NAMED

Election of officers for the coming year featured the June meeting of the Susquehanna Branch, American Red Cross, Monday night in the chapter headquarters in Barnesboro.

Mrs. Blair McAnulty, Barnesboro, was re-elected as chairman. Other officers are Mrs. A. Sidney Deringer, secretary; Louis Luxenberg, Barnesboro, treasurer; Mrs. W. C. Wetzel, Barnesboro; J. G. Nicholson, North Spangler; John F. Foreman, Spangler; Mrs. Norbert J. Feighner, St. Benedict; Mrs. Thomas A. Owens, Carrolltown; Mrs. George Lieb, Nicktown; Mrs. Francis Sullivan, Bakerstown; Fred Shrock, Marsteller; Mrs. Joseph Hughes, Garmentown; Miss Margaret Price, Emeigh, and Mrs. John Shaw, Cymbria, vice chairmen.

Mrs. McAnulty announced that the Chapter exceeded its recent War Fund Drive quota by \$1,723. She said the Chapter's quota was set at \$9,000 and members secured a total of \$10,723 in contributions.

## DON'T USE NEW STAMP ON AUTO TILL JULY FIRST

The new \$5.00 Federal auto use stamp must not be displayed on the windshield, nor the old stamp removed until June 30th.

Even though the motorist may have purchased the new stamp, it must not be put into use before the deadline.

## Run Down By Car

Robert Yingling, four year old Barnesboro boy, suffered lacerations of the head and shoulders last Thursday night when he was struck by an automobile on the Barnesboro-Hastings Road. He was treated by a physician and removed to the home of his parents. Police said the car was operated by Stanley Sass of Westover. Sass told police he ran the car over an embankment in an effort to avoid striking the child.

## PATTON RECREATION CENTER COMMISSION IN SPECIAL MEETING

Members See Need of Local Band, Discuss Activities for Independence Day Fete.

A special meeting of the Patton Recreation Commission was held on Friday evening last, June 18th, with the following members in attendance—Young, Cooper, Schwab and Supervisor Hovan. Others present, representing the various organizations were—Sam Rogers, James McGonegal, Thomas McQuillen, C. P. Welty, W. E. Noonan, Elmer Crowell, Leo Donahue, Frank Cammarata and Mark Brown.

A very interesting meeting was held, that included suggestions from the various organizations' representatives in regard to some kind of activity here on the Fourth or Fifth of July.

The first subject discussed at some length was that of a Community Band, and the group generally were in agreement that the town has been sadly neglected in this matter. The representatives of the organizations, covering all in Patton, voiced the opinion that their clubs could raise a very substantial sum of money for the support of a band.

Some suggestions that were forthcoming from the group were:

Get a professional swimmer and diver to give an exhibition at the pool on the Fourth of July.

That the various organizations in Patton could through their representatives, function as a collective body for the good of the community.

That each organization take a Sunday to sponsor a picnic at the park. This idea met with much approval.

That the different clubs could donate games for children at the park.

Add something new in the way of amusement each year.

Have community singing until a much needed band gets into action.

The secretary was instructed to get up a list of suggestions and to see that they are carried out.

## BOROUGH COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

Patton borough Council met in regular monthly session last Friday evening, with the following members present: Ott, McLaughlin, Little, Zahursky and Yalmer. Absent, Nehrig. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was properly voted to accept the "Tax Abatement Act of 1942" and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the county treasurer.

The Borough Secretary was instructed to order the Filtration Plant telephone removed, due to it being seldom used, and that the telephone company, in a survey, had wanted to increase the monthly bill.

It was voted to have the Leg Docket brought up to date by the Solicitor.

W. E. Noonan was present and voiced the opinion of several clubs that our community is sorely in need of a community band. Council heartily agreed in favor of the suggestion, but Council is not in a position to start this community band move.

Mr. George Masnica was appointed a member of the Board of Health.

After the reading of the bills, the Council adjourned.

## NAME TWO COAL MEN TO DISTRICT WMO

Two well known district representatives of the coal mining industry have been appointed to complete the six man Labor Management War Manpower Committee, it has been announced by James E. Hite, acting manager of the Johnstown office of the United States Employment Service.

Charles W. Seese, personal manager of the Imperial Cardiff Coal Co., and William Parks, Scalp Level, district board member of the United Mine Workers of America, have been selected to represent management and labor respectively on the board.

## Wounded in Action

Pvt. Michael B. Pavlick, of Barnesboro, who was wounded in action in North Africa, also has been presented the Purple Heart. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pavlick, he is now convalescing in a hospital at Casablanca.

He has two brothers in the armed forces—Pfc. John E. Pavlick, with the A. E. F. in England, and Cadet Edward J. Pavlick, in training with the Air Forces at Santa Anna, Cal.

## HEARINGS STARTING THIS WEEK ON COAL STABILIZATION ACT

Ickes Scheduled to Appear in Behalf of Renewal and Vinson Speeds Action.

Congress, acting belatedly, will begin a series of hearings this week on proposals to extend the Bituminous Coal Stabilization Act for another 3 years as part of the war time program to stabilize industry.

The act expired last April 26th but was extended temporarily for 120 days. Unless re-enacted it will expire next Aug. 23, and if congress takes its proposed recess early next month without acting to renew the law, the coal industry stabilization program will be ended.

The House Ways and Means Committee agreed to a series of hearings on continuing the program after Director of Economic Stabilization Fred Vinson appeared before the committee last week. The hearing will continue all of this week and perhaps two or three days next week.

First witnesses will be officials of the Department of Interior and its Bituminous Coal Division and later witness will be Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, who as solid fuels administrator, strongly favors re-enactment of the law.

Mr. Ickes stated his position six weeks ago in a letter to Senator Joseph F. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, the sponsor of the act.

"A failure to renew the coal act would seriously jeopardize the production of bituminous coal in a sufficient quantity to fuel the war program of the nation," Mr. Ickes wrote. "The willingness of this industry to make the investment necessary to accomplish this production has resulted largely from the assurance afforded it under the Coal Act that the weighted average cost of its product would be returned to it by virtue of the established minimum prices."

"Production goals will not be achieved if the industry is forced to operate at below cost levels immediately following the war. Instead, we may expect mines now in full production to be closed and the operation of others to be restricted substantially."

Mr. Guffey warned congress a month ago of the necessity of prompt consideration of bills to renew the coal stabilization law. He says now that "it's absolutely necessary if we are going to win the war."

He pointed out that during the last war, coal sources became a limiting factor in the military program, leading to headless days, lightless nights and closed factories, and that small consumers in industrial sections of the East frequently paid as high as \$20 per ton for coal.

Re-enactment of the law he said, would not only serve the war time interests of the nation but would prevent a return to chaotic conditions in the industry after the war.

In support of the House and Senate bills to re-enact the Guffey Act, a coal producers' committee has presented a list of nearly 1700 coal producers who favor the legislation, including the principal coal mining companies of the bituminous fields in Pennsylvania.

## COUNTY LEGION WOMEN TO MEET

Three state officers of the American Legion Auxiliary will be honor guests and speakers at the quarterly meeting of the Cambria County Council American Legion Auxiliary, Thursday, July 1, in the Gallitzin Legion Home.

The guests will be Mrs. A. D. Denison, western vice president, Mrs. Harry Piper, Altoona, membership chairman, and Mrs. Leroy Beidelman, state community service chairman.

Election of officers for the coming year will take place during the business sessions which will be in charge of Mrs. John J. Whalen, of Spangler, county president. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p. m. in the Horseshoe Trail Inn.

## MINERS SPURN JOBS AS COAL OFFICIALS

Harrisburg—Although Pennsylvania's coal mines "are badly in need of officials," Acting Mines Secretary Richard Maize asserts that only half as many bituminous coal miners took examination for certification as foremen, assistant foremen, first bosses and electricians this year as in 1942.

In the examination given in the bituminous coal division on June 4 and 5, Mr. Maize said, only 1117 miners appeared, as contrasted with 2234 examinees last June.

## IN CASE OF FIRE CALL THESE NUMBERS

Due to the fact that the regular Patton Fire Warning, the Clay Works Whistle, temporarily is not functioning, James Blake, Patton Fire Chief, advises residents, that in case of fire, they promptly call one of the following numbers:

Geo. Lehman 3692  
H. J. Mulligan 2735  
Commercial Hotel 2841  
L. Ianniello 3006  
William Jones 3704

This method is to be employed only so long as the regular alarm call is not functioning.

## FATHERS WILL GET A DRAFT REPRIEVE UNTIL FIRST OF YEAR

And Its Very Probable That the Most of Them May Never Be Called At All.

Washington.—New estimates of Army and Navy manpower requirements make it appear likely that the induction of fathers will be delayed until the first of the year, if not indefinitely.

Selective service, planning on the basis of an 8,200,000-man Army by December 31, had estimated that the drafting of fathers would become necessary by October.

It now develops however that the Army may not reach its peak until June 30 next year. Moreover, it includes in the 8,200,000 over all figure WAACs, women nurses, dieticians, and physical therapists.

Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson said at a press conference there would be some variation in Army requirements for the rest of this year, but declined to say what effect that would have on the drafting of fathers. He said the Army leaves to Selective Service the problem of determining from what groups to obtain inductees.

The Army now has approximately 7,667,000 officers and enlisted men, leaving a net increase of less than a million to realize before it reaches its goal. Even with the Navy Department's planned increase of 775,192 men in the coming year, the total manpower need of the armed forces for the next 12 months is only a little over 1,500,000.

In obtaining these men, the Army and Navy will be able to get approximately 100,000 youths a month as they turn 18, or 1,200,000 for the 12-month period.

The remainder could be obtained from single men who have been deferred for occupational reasons and from childless married men whose draft number has not yet been reached or who will have been occupationally deferred.

Instead of spreading their calls evenly over the next 12 months, the Army and Navy should decide to concentrate them in the next six months it might become necessary to start drafting fathers in October. A still uncertain quantity is the number of men that must be drafted as replacements for fatalities and men discharged for one reason or another.

Meanwhile, the armed forces, the War Production Board and other agencies are quietly and thoroughly examining the supply problem as affected by the size of the armed forces, the manpower available to provide them and the essential needs of the civilian population.

## PATTON OFFICER NOW GRADUATE OF MEDICAL FIELD SERVICE SCHOOL

First Lieut. Edward J. Haluska, Dental Corps, of 709 Palmer avenue, Patton, physically hardened and well trained for duty with troops in the field after six weeks of grueling preparations, last Thursday was graduated from the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

He has already left for his new station where he will put into actual practice the military training, medical tactics, military sanitation, logistics, field medicine and surgery, and administration which he learned thoroughly at that "West Point of the Medical Department."

He was among a class of 465 physicians, dentists, veterinarians, sanitary engineers and medical administrative members who prepared themselves at Carlisle to convert their professional skills from peacetime to war uses. Lieutenant Haluska, 26, attended the University of Pittsburgh and received his D. D. S. degree there.

Two hundred and eighty-six Medical Department officers in the graduating class as physicians, and 130 are dentists, drawn from 42 states.

## RED CROSS DRIVE IN CLEARFIELD BRANCH SHOWED FINE SPIRIT

Most Every Community in Our District Displayed That Folks Were Generous in Call

Harry H. Nehrig, chairman of the recent Red Cross Campaign for funds in the Clearfield Branch, has released the amount of total contributions made by the various communities in Northeastern Cambria County, and the totals show that the entire section was generous.

The breakdown of figures by the communities, follows:

**Ashville.**  
Eulalia Godfrey, chairman.  
Solicitation, house to house, \$85.50; solicitation, town businessmen, \$47; total for the town, \$132.50.

**Hastings.**  
Domenis Demento, Chairman.  
Solicitation, house to house, \$372.22; solicitation, town business men, \$1,198.61; from local union No. 393, U. M. W. A., \$1,619.50; solicitation of operators, \$650.77; clubs, organizations, all others, \$223.40; bosses, and clerks, \$185.50; making a total for the town of \$3,800.00.

**Fallen Timber.**  
Howard Apple, Chairman.  
Solicitation, house to house, \$236.98; local union No. 7569, U. M. W. A., \$454.00; solicitation of operators, \$109.10; making a total for the town of \$800.08.

**Dean and Dysart.**  
J. L. Marks, Chairman.  
Solicitation, house to house, \$72; local union No. 7018, U. M. W. A., \$94.50; operators, \$61.05; the total community contribution being \$227.55.

**Blandburg.**  
Thos. C. McGoey, chairman.  
Solicitation, house to house, \$72.50; solicitation, town business men, \$55; local union No. 6504, U. M. W. A., \$160.00; local union No. 391 (District 50), \$15.00; Solicitation coal and brick operators, \$266; Clubs, organizations, \$115; employees of Harbison-Walker Refractories Co., \$416.50; a grand total for Blandburg of \$1,100.

**Coupon.**  
Walter F. Robbins, chairman.  
Solicitation, house to house, \$125.65; solicitation, town business men, \$35.00; U. M. W. A. local No. 2054, \$630.00; solicitation, operators, \$102; clubs, organizations, \$80.80; a total of \$406.25.

**Patton.**  
R. A. Litzinger, chairman.  
Solicitation, house to house, \$817.12; solicitation, town business men, \$968.00; Local Union No. 842, U. M. W. A., \$720.00; Clay Workers Union, No. 431, \$51.00; Clubs and organizations, \$375.00; Farmers, \$200.50; a grand total of \$2,533.62.

**Colver Miners Elect Officers**

At the annual election of officers of Colver Local Union, No. 860, United Mine Workers of America, held last Thursday, Mike Degretto was again chosen as president of the body. He has served in that capacity for a number of years. Andrew Machuta was chosen vice president; John Hulgus was re-elected Recording Secretary, and James Sloan, financial secretary; John A. Malloy, treasurer; Baldo Vicini, door keeper. Jerry Gherardi was named to the Hospital committee and Frank Erhard as the Ration committee man. The three members chosen for the mine committee are John Shook, Baldo Vicini and James Hood.

Checkweighmen elected for the period were James Sloan, John Hulgus and Joe Spanola Gonzalez. Peter Hudak was again chosen check boy.

## REV. CHERVENAK ENLISTS, IN NAVY CHAPLAIN CORPS

Rev. Father Aloysius J. Chervenak, native of Portage, has been accepted as a Navy Chaplain with the rank of lieutenant junior grade. He is the fifth priest of the Altoona diocese to serve as chaplain in the armed forces of World War II.

Father Chervenak entered the service approximately one year later than had been his intention. In order to pass the required physical examinations it was necessary for the young priest to undergo a major operation with nearly a year to recover completely.

Son of the late Michael and Elizabeth Chervenak, of Portage, Father Chervenak had three brothers in World War I—Andrew, now residing in Cleveland; John, deceased, and Joseph, Louisville, Ky. Assemblyman M. C. Chervenak, Jr., Portage Township, also is a brother of the chaplain.

—Buy bonds and stamps regularly.