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COURT UPHOLDS MINER REQUEST FOR PORTAL PAY

Rules That Men Must Be Paid for Travel Time Under the Wage and Hour Act.

Washington.—United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis Monday won his long fight for legal recognition of portal-to-portal pay when the Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that soft coal producers are required by the Wage-Hour law to pay their miners for underground travel time.

The decision is expected to establish the same compulsion in the anthracite industry and probably will speed settlement of the contract dispute which resulted in government seizure last week of 368 strike-bound hard coal mines. Failure of the operators and miners to agree on travel pay has been a main stumbling block in negotiations.

The court's decision came in the case of the Jewell Ridge Coal Corp., a Virginia company. The firm contended that compulsory travel pay would wreck war time wage structures and it urged that the matter be left to collective bargaining.

The majority opinion, delivered by Justice Frank Murphy, upheld the U. M. W.'s contention that the court had established travel pay as a statutory right when it held last year that the Wage-Hour act covered travel time for iron ore miners. Murphy said there is no legal difference between travel time rights in the two industries.

Murphy said the coal opinion may require some adjustment in collective bargaining procedure.

"But if these adjustments are not made the plain language and policy of the Wage-Hour Law are frustrated," he said.

The new soft coal contract provides full time-and-one-half pay for a flat one hour of travel time. The anthracite miners are asking approximately the same thing. The court's decision was interpreted as virtual assurance they will get it.

PFC. HALUSKA GETS COMMENDATION

An Air Service Command Depot, England—The thousands of aerial sorties which helped defeat the German armies on both sides of the Rhine meant extra effort for Pfc. Joseph A. Haluska of 222 Highland Ave., Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Haluska.

Working at top speed on the vast engine overhauling assembly line at this great Air Service Command repair and modification depot, he and his fellow soldier-technicians turned over 2,277 aircraft engines for front-line action during one month.

In commending Pfc. Haluska for the production feat, Brigadier General Morris Berman of San Antonio disclosed that: "This figure smashed every existing record for engine repair for the third successive month and has been a decisive factor in making an early victory possible."

In addition to the above mentioned commendation he was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity.

A soldier since July 9, 1943, he has been overseas 21 months. He was formerly employed by Middletown Air Depot and was graduated from Patton High School. He has one brother, S. Sgt. Emory L. Haluska serving with the Army somewhere in Germany.

CLYDE S. SLICK HEADS TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION

Clyde S. Slick was elected president of Typographical Union 137 of Johnstown at a meeting Saturday in Johnstown. Mr. Albert Gradyke.

Other officers elected were Carl Mainhart, vice president; Lloyd Berkeley, secretary-treasurer; William McGovern, recording secretary; Eben James, reading clerk; Charles Larson, sergeant-at-arms; Harry Keller, C. D. Elliott and William McGovern, trustees, and Edward Miscoe, Harry Keller and George Frick, auditors.

Clyde S. Slick, William McGovern, and R. T. Hickman were named delegates to the Central Labor Union. A report of the Western-Pennsylvania-Maryland conference held last month was given by Glen Cable.

AMSBRY SOLDIER HURT TWICE AT FRONT IN 2 WEEKS

Pfc. Clarence Paul Nagle, aged 22, of Ambury, was in actual combat in the European area less than two weeks but was wounded twice, according to information received by relatives. He was injured March 1, in Germany after a week's duty at the front and had returned to combat duty only a few days when he was injured again on April 16th inside the Reich. The soldier is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Nagle.

EUROPEAN CONFLICT ENDS

EAGLES PLAN FOR MOTHER'S DAY

In accordance with its usual custom over a period of a great many years, Patton Aerie No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will on Sunday next, Mother's Day, have this fitting community program, which this year is all the more an inspiring one, because of the day of Prayer that President Truman has proclaimed for Sunday next—a day of thanksgiving that one of our two wars is over, and a day of hope that the other conflict will be concluded to a victorious finish.

The program will begin at 3:30 on Sunday afternoon, and the general public is cordially invited. An appropriate program of solemn entertainment will be presented. The speakers will be Rev. Father Bertrand McFadyen, O. S. B., former pastor of St. Mary's Church, Patton, and now pastor of St. Nicholas' Church, Nicktown; and the Rev. Henry B. Reiley, Jr., pastor of the Methodist Church of Hastings. Flowers will be presented to all Mothers who attend.

PVT. DANIEL OTT WOUNDED IN PACIFIC

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ott, of Patton, R. D. No. 1, have been notified that their 18-year-old son, Pvt. Daniel B. Ott, was wounded in the Pacific theater of war while serving in Co. P, 185th Infantry.

Pvt. Ott was a graduate of Patton High School, Class of 1944. He was inducted September 26, 1944, and received training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and was sent into combat from Fort Ord, Cal., on February 9th, 1945.

Pvt. Ott is the youngest of five brothers in the service—John G., Jr., SK 2-c, in the Navy, Oakland California; Cpl. Joseph, with the A. E. F., in England; Sgt. Robert, Field Artillery, in Germany; and Staff-Sgt. James, a gunner in the 15th air force in Italy.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR WAR BOND SALES

Series of special days for promotion of war bond sales has been set aside in connection with the Seventh War Loan Drive May 14 to June 30. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., chairman of the Pennsylvania War Finance Committee, announced today.

Rebmann called upon all organizations and volunteer workers to make their plans for those days to help reach the State's largest quota to date for purchases by individuals. Pennsylvania's goal is \$506,000,000, including \$288,000,000 in E bonds. In addition, the state has a \$433,000,000 goal for corporations.

The special days are: Mother's Day, May 13—B-Day minus 1. B-Day, May 14—opening of the community drive.

"I Am an American Day," May 20. National Maritime Day, May 22. Memorial Day, May 30. Midway Victory, June 4. Normandy Invasion Day, June 6. Flag Day, June 14. Father's Day, June 17. Thirteen Hundred Day, the 1300th day of the war since Pearl Harbor, June 28. Windups Day, June 30.

PVT. NAGLE WOUNDED A SECOND TIME

Pvt. Clarence Paul Nagle, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nagle of Ambury, was wounded April 16 for the second time while serving on the Western Front in Germany.

The soldier previously was wounded March 1 in Germany and had returned to combat duty only a few days before being wounded a second time.

He entered the service July 14, 1944. A brother, Lawrence, is with the Army in Germany, and two other brothers, Irvin and Herman, are serving with the Navy in the Pacific area.

FIREMEN TO HAVE A JOINT MEETING

Approximately 400 firemen are expected to attend a special joint meeting of the Cambria and Somerset Co. Firemen's Associations this Thursday evening in the Windber, Fire Hall.

A program of entertainment has been arranged for the evening and several officials of the State Firemen's Association will be honor guests.

The meeting will be in charge of Robert Whalen, president of the Cambria County organization and Raymond Myers, Windber, president of the Somerset Association.

—Buy War Bonds in the 7th Loan.

SURRENDER OF GERMANY IS FORMALLY RATIFIED TUESDAY WITH SIGNING OF ARTICLES OF CAPITULATION IN WAR-WRECKED BERLIN—HOSTILITIES OVER.

PRESIDENT ISSUES PROCLAMATION ON TUESDAY

Germany bowed on Tuesday of this week to the most crushing defeat ever inflicted upon a nation, her abject surrender proclaimed to the world by the United States, Britain and Russia. The announcement said the final articles of capitulation were signed Tuesday in Berlin, the ruined capital symbolic of the fall of the Third Reich.

Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German high command, signed the articles in the presence of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, assistant commander of the Red Armies; Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, deputy supreme commander in the west; Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, chief of the U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and Lt.-Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, commander of the French First Army.

For Germany it was a crowning ignominy—Von Keitel, whose armies all but mastered Europe, forced to sign in the ashes of Germany's first city the surrender articles which stripped the Reich of its last vestige of military strength. The guns in Europe, which through five years, eight months and seven days of unexampled war inflicted possibly 40,000,000 casualties, fell silent at 8:01 p. m. Eastern War Time, or one minute past midnight in Berlin. Actually the guns were still Monday to prevent further bloodshed.

Here at home the expected news had been coming for days, and celebrations were moderate. Different communities observed the V-E day in various ways. But prayer predominated, and crowds flocked to churches. Business places in Patton and the north county for most part closed for the remainder of the day, and schools were dismissed, following the official announcement over the radio on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S TALK TO THE NATION.

This is a solemn but glorious hour. Gen. Eisenhower informs me that the forces of Germany have surrendered to the United Nations. The flags of reason fly all over Europe. I only wish that Franklin D. Roosevelt had lived to witness this day. For this victory we join in offering our thanks to the Providence which has guided and sustained us through the dark days of adversity. Our rejoicing is sobered and subdued by a supreme consciousness of the terrible price we have paid to rid the world of Hitler and his evil band.

Let us not forget, my fellow Americans, the sorrow and heartbreak that today abide in the homes of so many of our neighbors—neighbors whose most priceless possession has been rendered as a sacrifice to redeem our liberty. We can repay the debt which we owe to our God, to our dead and to our children only by work—by ceaseless devotion to the responsibilities lying ahead of us. If I could give you a single watchword for the coming months that word is work, work, work!

We must work to finish this war. Our victory is but half won. The West is free, but the East still is in bondage to treacherous tyranny of the Japanese. When the last Japanese division has surrendered unconditionally, then only will our fighting job be done. We must work to bind up the many wounds of a suffering world—to build an abiding by hard, toilsome, painstaking work and in law. We can build such a peace only by our Allies in peace as we take work—by understanding and working with our Allies in peace as we have in war. The job ahead is no less important, no less urgent, no less difficult than the task which now happily is done.

I call upon every American to stick to his post until the last battle is won. Until that day, let no man abandon his post or slacken his efforts.

An hour I read to you my formal proclamation of this occasion:

By the President of the United States of America—A PROCLAMATION.
The Allied armies, through sacrifice and devotion and with God's help have won from Germany a final and unconditional surrender. The Western world has been freed of the evil forces which for five years and longer have imprisoned the bodies and broken the lives of millions upon millions of free-born men. They have violated their churches, destroyed their homes, corrupted their children and murdered their loved ones. Our armies if liberation have restored freedom to those suffering peoples, whose spirit and will the oppressors could never enslave.

Much remains to be done. The victory won in the West now must be won in the East. The whole world must be cleansed of the evil from which half the world has been freed. United, the peace-loving nations have demonstrated in the West that their arms are stronger by far than the might of dictators or the tyranny of military cliques that once called us soft and weak. The power of our peoples to defend themselves against all enemies will be proved in the Pacific as it has been proved in Europe.

For the triumph of spirit and of arms which we have won, and for its promise to peoples everywhere who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God who has strengthened us and given us the victory.

Sunday Proclaimed A Day of Prayer.

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Sunday, May 13, 1945, to be a Day of Prayer. I call upon the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace.

I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 8th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, 1945, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 169th.

NORTHERN CAMBRIA COUNTY MINERS PROTEST SEVERE MEAT RATIONING POLICY

Representatives of various Locals of the United Mine Workers of America of the Northern Cambria County area, met in the U. M. W. A. hall at Barnesboro last Sunday afternoon in protest of the meat and fats rationing program now apparently in rather drastic force—at least in this area. The miner feels he is not receiving sufficient quantity, and no one will deny that his labor is such that meats and butter are necessary to his physical upkeep. A resolutions committee drew up the following resolution, which will be sent out to our federal representatives by all local unions in the area:

"Whereas, under the present system of rationing of meats and fats, we find that our members are not receiving meats and fats in nearly sufficient amount; and
"Whereas, At a meeting of Local Unions, representing 20,000 people, held at Barnesboro, Pa., May 6, 1945, at 2 P. M., the matter was thoroughly discussed, and after the discussion it was decided as follows:
"Resolved That the Office of Food Distribution O. P. A. take appropriate action to relieve the situation;
"And be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Local Union, to Congressman Tibbott, Senator Guffey and Senator Meyers, to solicit their help in the matter; and that copies also be sent to John L. Lewis and James Mark."

Members of the Resolutions Committee are Wayne Craver, Bernard Collins and Walter Black.

STATE POLICE SAY: Hints on Safety for Motorists and Others.

Non-Driving Pedestrians Involved More Often: Few pedestrians who do not drive, realize how hard it is for motorists to see them at night. Accident records reveal that those headlights which look so bright to the driver until the car is often dangerously near. Yes, the pedestrian moves into the spotlight of highway safety as never before, as America realizes that two-thirds or more of her traffic deaths involve pedestrians.

The St. Augustine Victory Club will hold a round and square dance in St. Augustine Hall, Saturday night. Everybody cordially invited.

MINE EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD IN JUNE

Examination of applicants for certificates as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, mine electricians and fire bosses will be given throughout the bituminous coal division of Pennsylvania June 7 and 8, it is announced by the state bureau of mines. Applicants for second-grade mine foreman and electrician certificates will be required to attend the examination on June 7, while applicants for first-grade mine foremen certificates will attend both June 7 and 8. Fireboss applicants will attend only on June 8.

Board chairmen in the local area who will conduct the examinations include Spurgeon S. Johns, Westmont; Dennis J. Keenan, Barnesboro; M. W. Thomas, Windber, and A. J. Bergston, Indiana.

INCREASE PAY FOR PENNA. TEACHERS

The rate of increases for public school teachers in Pennsylvania under the Legislature's education program: First-class districts—Elementary \$1,400 minimum, 13 increments at \$100; junior high and special class at \$1,800, 10 increments at \$120; high and vocational \$2,000, eight increments at \$100; elementary principals \$2,300, 10 increments at \$170; other principals * 4,000, four increments at \$250.

Second-class districts—Elementary \$1,400 minimum, nine increments at \$100; high school \$1,600, nine increments at \$100; supervisors \$1,600 eight increments at \$100; elementary principals \$2,200, five increments at \$100; high school principals, \$3,000, eight increments at \$125.

Third and fourth-class districts—Elementary and secondary \$1,400 minimum, seven increments at \$100; principals less than 25 teachers \$2,000, five increments at \$100; principals more than 25 teachers, \$200, five increments at \$100; supervising principals less than 25 teachers \$2,400, five increments at \$100; supervising principals more than 25 teachers \$2,888, five increments at \$100; county superintendents, less than 45,000 population, \$4,000 minimum; 45,000 to 160,000, \$4,500; 150,000 or more, \$5,000; district superintendents, less than 30,000, \$4,000; 30,000 or more \$5,500.

As an incentive for teacher growth, all professional employes in school districts who have earned a master's degree at a college or university approved by the state education council or have received all increments provided by the bill shall be entitled to two additional annual increments at \$100 each.

CLOSE UP ACCOUNTS OF DEFUNCT BANKS

Judge Ivan J. McKenrick Monday signed court orders approving the 8th and final accounts in the liquidation of two defunct banks—the Ebsenburg Trust Company, and the Miners and Merchants Bank of Nanty-Glo. The action was taken on petition of L. H. Humbert, deputy receiver for the state department of banking.

Depositors of the Ebsenburg bank will receive a final dividend of 3.96 percent, amounting to \$28,289.36. The final payment to depositors of the closed Nanty-Glo institution will be 6.17 percent and will total \$33,199.97.

Pvt. Falatic Wounded in Germany

Pvt. Howard G. Falatic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Falatic of Warren, Ohio, formerly of Patton, was wounded in Germany, according to a recent report received by his parents. The soldier was a member of General Patch's Seventh Army. He entered service October, 1944 and was assigned to overseas duty in February, 1945. He was a student of the Carrolltown High School at the time of his enlistment.

A brother, Pfc. Elias, is serving with the 6th Marine Division on Okinawa and a brother, Petty Officer John, is also in the Pacific with a Motor Torpedo Squadron.

KNOWLEDGE OF HAZARD NO BAR TO ACCIDENT

Two persons were killed in 1944 after crawling under or passing around lowered gates at railroad grade crossings, according to reports received by the Public Utility Commission.

In 455 crossing accidents reported last year, drivers of vehicles involved were familiar with the crossings. Twenty-seven persons were killed and 152 injured in these accidents. In eight accidents, the drivers were not familiar with the crossings. Four persons were injured in these accidents.

SEEK TO EXPAND NORTH CAMBRIA BOY SCOUT WORK

Organization Events Scheduled; Other Units Plan Many Affairs

Steps are being taken in the North Cambria District of the Adm. Robert E. Peary Council Boy Scouts of America, to reorganize several inactive troops and to expand activities of others. These undertakings are the result of a three-day study of the situation made this week by Rev. Father Flavian Yelenko of St. Lawrence, chairman of the district committee on organization and extension, and V. J. Gonelli, district field executive.

On Tuesday evening Father Yelenko and Cletus Lehmer of Bakerton, district chairman, conferred with representatives of the United Mine Workers local at Marsteller on moves to reorganize the Marsteller troop. A similar meeting will be held on June 4 with American Legion officials at Spangler in an effort to provide a Scout unit in Spangler.

Representatives of the Protestant churches in Patton will meet on May 24 to discuss plans for forming a troop in Patton. The Rev. Ralph S. Krouse, Methodist pastor and newly-appointed member of the organization and extension committee, will be in charge.

A rally will be held on the evening of June 10 for parishoners of St. Nicholas Church at Nicktown to discuss reorganization of the Nicktown troop. On the afternoon of the same day the Boy Scouts of the troop sponsored by St. Bernard's Church, Hastings, will sponsor a father-son program as the first step in a move to provide both Cub and Senior Scout programs.

Other major events are planned during the coming weeks throughout the council's territory. A schedule of events follows:

North Cambria Board of Review in Patton May 17. Camporee on Beaver Valley Rd., two miles outside of Patton, May 25, 26, 27. Court of honor in Patton May 31. Central Cambria Camporee near Colver May 18, 19 and 20.

PATTON SOLDIER WINS PROMOTION

Peninsular Base Headquarters, in Italy—Staff Sgt. William H. Gwynn, Jr., of Greenville, Pa., has been promoted from technician fourth grade. He is a clerk in the administrative division of the 61st Quartermaster Base Depot, important service and supply organization for Fifth Army and for the ground forces of the U. S. Air Corps and Navy in the Mediterranean theater of operations.

Husband of Mrs. Elsie A. Gwynn of Greenville, and son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gwynn of 608 Lang Ave., Patton, he has been in the army 29 months, and overseas 22 months.

Prior to entering the military service Staff Sgt. Gwynn was employed in Youngstown, O. He is a graduate of the Patton High School.

Staff-Sgt. Gwynn has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Mediterranean Theater Ribbon with two battle stars.

JOSEPH RITO WOUNDED IN EUROPEAN ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Pastirko of Barnesboro have been notified that their son, Pvt. Joseph Rito, 19, was wounded April 14 for the second time while serving on the Western Front in Germany.

He was previously wounded slightly last March 19. He entered military service June 8, 1944, and trained in camps in the South before going overseas last December.

Three brothers are in the service—Cpl. Stephen, with the Army in Germany; Cpl. Joseph P. Pastirko, with the Army in Texas, and Andrew E., gunner's mate first class in the Navy, and located in North Carolina.

Joseph F. Glinesky Is Missing

Cpl. Joseph F. Glinesky, son of Mrs. Sophia Glinesky of Spangler, was reported missing April 4 while serving with Gen. Patton's Third Army in Germany.

A brother, George, who was wounded on the Western Front, not is a patient in a hospital in France. Another brother, Seaman First Class John M., is recovering from malaria in a hospital in the Pacific area.

John Tirpack in Hospital

T14 John Tirpack, 628 Lange Avenue, Patton, has been admitted as a patient to Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C. He served with a Calvary unit in the Southwest Pacific Theater in New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands. He attended the Patton High School and prior to his induction into the Army was a welder at the Maryland Drydock Company at Baltimore, Md.