



Torture, Death Threatened

CHILDREN-CON KIDNAPERS FOR

Troops For Coal Field Requested

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — An attorney for strike-bound coal operators appeared to President Eisenhower today to send federal troops to Eastern Kentucky to restore law and order.

Attorney Joseph Lewis also asked that operators in Perry, Knott, Letcher and Pike counties be given an audience to present their case.

"Citizens of these counties live in mortal fear for their lives," added Lewis. "We would personally like to present to you the immediate, urgent and dire need for United States Army troops in this area to restore and preserve order."

Coal operators in Pike County asked Gov. A. B. Chandler for National Guardsmen yesterday but were turned down. Chandler said the situation did not warrant such a step. He was not available for comment on the Lewis appeal.

Lewis signed the telegram as the representative of small truck operators in the four counties, and of the Pike County Independent Coal Operators Assn.

More than 7,000 United Mine Workers have struck the Eastern Kentucky coal fields to back up their demands for a \$24.35 a day pay scale, an increase of \$2 on the day.

After Gov. A. B. Chandler refused his plea, the Pike County Coal Operators Assn. said it will seek help by asking for a restraining order against the United Mine Workers.

The association, with some 300 members, reaffirmed its decision not to sign the new contract raising the basic wage from \$22.25 to \$24.35.

"We intend to hit all our mining operations until the court decides on the order," said Robert Holcomb, association president.

It was Holcomb who petitioned the governor for troops but Chandler replied that state police have the situation in hand.

Advised of the association's plans, Carson Hibbits, president of UMW District 36, commented: "I am confident we will get fair and impartial treatment from all concerned."

Hibbits said the union is "a law abiding organization and will abide by whatever decision the courts may hand down today."

Issues in the strike—it involves Pike, Bull, Harlan, Perry and Letcher counties—go deeper than the wage dispute.

Some operators say the UMW and the large coal firms are trying to put the small owners out of business. They point the finger of suspicion at the protective wage clause, which forbids union mines from buying or processing coal from pits not paying union scale.

Strictly enforced this would squeeze many small operators who would have no market for their coal.

Roland Price, whose Letcher County nonunion mine produced a million tons last year, declared: "This is not a fight for high wages but this is a fight by the big coal operators and the UMW to eliminate the truck mine industry."



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BURTON POST

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EXTREMELY DANGEROUS

State police called Payne an extremely dangerous mental case.

In the rambling, five-page tirade addressed to Underwood, he named a convict, Burton Junior Post, better known as Junior Starbuck, whom Payne knew when Payne was serving time for armed robbery.

Payne proposed to use his captives as a wedge to force Starbuck's release.

"To save the children," the note read, "I demand only the FBI release."

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They're All Gone Now Dead Ducks Sell Fast For Easter

By JULIAN SCHEER

REMEMBER the live ducks youngsters used to receive Easter morning with their baskets and eggs? Got to be a nuisance, didn't they?

Well, the next best thing was on sale here this week until sold out. They were stuffed ducks.

That's right. The live duckling was put to sleep, stuffed and offered for sale. It was a good taxidermist job—and the two or three dozen offered to the public here sold quickly.

For 50 cents you could get one for Junior. Had original feathers and all. It looked like a duck, felt like a duck, was a duck—a dead duck.

A SALESLADY in the local store said, "They really sold well. We could have sold many more, I think."

When questioned about it, the store's merchandise manager flipped through his invoices and expressed surprise at the purchase.

"Good golly," he said, "I sure wouldn't have okayed a purchase like that. Live ducks—stuffed? Heavens!"

He quickly pointed out that the item was "made" in Japan and imported by a New York state firm.

"What's the humane society going to say?" he wondered.

Arguments Heard On Home & Time

RALEIGH — Judiciary committees in House and Senate heard widely divergent matters of business today which included labeling a Fayetteville old folks' home unsafe and killing a bill for daylight saving time.

Frank Turner, state property control officer, spoke on the Confederate Women's Home at Fayetteville before the Senate Judiciary committee. He said new quarters are available at the Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium at Wilson.

Sentimental attachment for the present location has held up approval of the transfer by the home's board of directors, he added.

The committee, considering a bill to extend for 10 years the life of the home, voted to invite the board to appear two weeks from now to explain its position. Withdrawal of the bill by the Legislature, the home would go out of operation Jan. 1, 1960. The bill now before the committee would extend the date to 1970.

There are now 43 women receiving care at the home. Their ages range from 73 to 95 years old.

Turner called the building now occupied by the home "a fire hazard."

It would be doubtful whether some of the bedridden would care to be removed.

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Ice Gorges Cause Flood In Montana

GLENDIVE, Mont. (AP) — Ice gorges damming the Yellowstone River today sent flood waters rolling into the oil town.

Hundreds of eastern Montana oilfield workers' home trailers were hauled to safety on higher ground as swiftly organized mass evacuation.

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All-Nations Parley Urged

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He called attention to President Eisenhower's proposal Monday night that a summit conference might be held this summer if a foreign ministers meeting could start negotiations on the Berlin crisis.

"We appeal to the governments of all nations which took part in the war against Hitlerite Germany to sit down at the negotiation table and settle pressing problems, to conclude a peace treaty with Germany," Khrushchev told a special news conference in the Kremlin.

Khrushchev's tone seemed mild. Khrushchev made a similar proposal last January in a note to 27 other countries which fought Nazi Germany. The West rejected this, and in turn asked the Soviet Union to take part in a foreign ministers conference in Geneva or Vienna with both East and West Germans in attendance, to prevent the German issues from touching off a new war.

Khrushchev's time seemed to have seized upon President Eisenhower's Monday remark as a starting point for a new attempt to make a summit conference a reality.

"He then added that if the West was 'seriously ready' for talks, the Soviet Union would not hold up matters."

FOUND DAUGHTER

Kenneth Ward, father of one Girl Scout, is an auxiliary fireman. He was helping gather up the bodies, unaware his daughter was a victim, when he recognized what was left of her. She then he found the body of his daughter, Linda, 12.

The other girls were Sharon White, Cindy Moorman, Connie Laprise, Patricia Lapinski, Ann North, Pauline Randall and Anna Wiliver. A rural, commuter-type suburb between Xenia and Dayton.

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Evening Prayer

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Eight Girl Scouts Train Hits Car; 10 Persons Die

XENIA, Ohio (AP) — A freight train plowed into a station wagon carrying 10 passengers in a rail crossing accident near here Wednesday. All 10—including eight Girl Scouts—were killed.

The car was dragged 50 feet along the tracks. The body of the driver, Mrs. Lucille White, 44, was found 75 feet beyond the car.

The daughters of Mrs. White and the other eight in the car, Mrs. Jeannette Randall, 39, were among the eight Girl Scouts who perished.

The girls were returning home from a library here where they had been studying for merit badges. They lived in Beaver-creek Twp., a rural, commuter-type suburb between Xenia and Dayton.

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Police Call An Influence?

BROADBEACH, Australia (AP) — Billy Graham called all today a plan to speak to a teen-agers' all-night pajama party, after a talk with the local police commissioner.

"I had not fully understood all the implications involved," he said.

It all started when the American evangelist, here for a holiday break in his Down Under preaching tour, found a good word to say for the teenagers whose pajama parties and drinking sprees have been worrying local residents here as "Australia's 'Gold Coast'."

Graham said: "The desire of young people to attend such parties is due to boredom . . . God

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