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Lewis Peace Plan Refused By Green

CIO Leader's Proposal Gets Quick Refusal

AFL Chieftain Terms It Deceiving; Program To 'Build America' Gets Federation Attention

Miami, Fla. — (AP) — The American Federation of Labor executive council heard a charge Thursday that John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers' union assisted in the prosecution of two recent Illinois cases which brought verdicts unfavorable to the "Progressive Miners of America and labor generally."

Joseph Ozanic of Gillespie, Ill., president of the PMA, brought the cases to the attention of AFL officials and the council agreed to support the defendants' appeals. In one case 36 PMA members were convicted of violence and in the other a \$117,000 verdict was returned against seven locals and 66 members of the Progressive miners.

Washington — (AP) — Any possibility of early peace between organized labor's warring factions has been swept away, informed observers declared Thursday, by William Green's rejection of a proposal by John L. Lewis to merge the C. I. O. and the American Federation of Labor.

Lewis made the suggestion in a dramatic climax to his speech Wednesday at the United Mine Workers convention. "It is just the same old thing," Green commented at Miami, Fla., where the A. F. of L. executive council is meeting. "No one will be deceived by it."

Green said Lewis' offer was "identical with the impossible plan" which the C. I. O. chieftain had advanced in the futile peace parleys at Washington last fall.

Objections Unchanged "We rejected it then," Green added "because it would serve only to move the scene of war and disunion from outside the American Federation of Labor into its very midst. The same objections prevail now."

Lewis advanced his proposal before a wildly cheering audience. "If the A. F. of L. is so anxious for peace," he said, "we'll make a proposal. We'll want peace—peace with honor."

"If the A. F. of L. wants peace, I will recommend to the 4,000,000 members of the C. I. O. that on the first day of February they march into the A. F. of L. horse foot and dragon, into the C. I. O. units and later call a convention to arrange details."

That brought the 1,900 delegates to their feet, whistling, stamping, cheering. Lewis prefaced his peace discussion with the assertion that growth of the C. I. O. as a force for industrial unionism had injured no labor faction.

Plan Adopted In Cleveland Miami, Fla. — (AP) — The American Federation of Labor enlisted Thursday in a campaign to develop a national basis for a "Build America" plan started by the Cleveland Building Trades council.

The building trades department of the A. F. of L. appointed a committee to assist in the movement, and Albert Dalton, president of the Cleveland unit, said it was the

Weather Record For Wisconsin—Generally fair to night, somewhat cooler northward and north-central portions; increasing cloudiness and rising temperature Friday, snow in extreme north-west by afternoon night.

For Minnesota—Fair in east and north, becoming unsettled in north-west portions; not so cold tonight as after Friday.

For Iowa—Generally fair tonight; rising temperature Friday.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES 7 a. m. ... 10 a. m. ... 1 p. m. ... 4 p. m. ... 8 p. m. ...

NATION-WIDE RECORDS Last day's high low Prec. night high Prec.

RIVER BULLETIN Stage of the river at La Crosse, 4.43; fall in 24 hours ...

Hollywoodites At Trial



Among those attending the Paul Wright double murder trial in Los Angeles were Pat DiCocco, actors' agent and former husband of Thelma Todd, who died two years ago under mysterious circumstances, and Florence Rice, screen actress and daughter of Sports Writer Grantland Rice.

PWA Application Rejected For New School Buildings

Honored



Harry Spence, leader in Boy Scout activities in La Crosse for many years and a principal of La Crosse public schools, was named the city's outstanding citizen for 1937 by service clubs at a joint Hotel Stoddard luncheon Thursday noon.

Spence Gets Hall Of Fame Honors

Public School Principal Cited For Community Service

Harry Spence, 1333 Kane street, an instructor and principal in La Crosse public schools since 1901 and for many years a leader in Boy Scout and other civic activities of the community, Thursday became the third person to be enrolled in the Hall of Fame created by the city's service clubs.

The honor was bestowed upon Mr. Spence at a joint Hotel Stoddard luncheon meeting Thursday noon of the Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, and La Crosse Business Men's clubs, the presentation address being made by Louis F. Robinson.

"Harry Spence would be an outstanding citizen of any community any year," Mr. Robinson declared. "For sincerity of purpose, loyalty to his friends and to his tasks, for absolute honesty, for love of his community and interest in its problems, he has few equals and no superior."

Presents Award "I am pleased to have the honor on behalf of the civic clubs of La Crosse to name him the most useful citizen of La Crosse for 1937, and to present him with the award."

Responding, Mr. Spence said, "I want to thank you very much for this honor. It really does not belong to me. Whatever I have done was due to my interest in boys. If you want to be young, you have to keep an interest in boys. You have to be on your toes with them."

"I want to thank the people of La Crosse for the wonderful reception they have given me from

Steiner Resigns As U. S. Senator Salem, Ore. — (AP) — Senator Frederick Steiner (R-Ore.) resigned today, effective Jan. 31. The senator previously had announced his withdrawal from public life upon the completion of his second term as senator on Dec. 31, 1938.

Chinese Reds Wipe Out Jap North Troops

Communists, Peasants Strike Quickly, Then Disperse; Casualties Are Numerous

(By the Associated Press) Peiping, China. — (AP) — China's Red legions and peasant irregulars are on the march against Japanese in the vast North China area.

Concentrating swiftly, attacking swiftly and dispersing swiftly, they have struck time and again at Japanese communication lines and Japanese garrisons.

Authentic details of this warfare in the frozen northern provinces, where the Chinese-Japanese conflict began, were brought to Japanese-conquered Peiping Thursday by foreigners who arrived from the war areas.

They reported that during January Chinese irregulars along the Peiping-Hankow and Chengtai railroads wiped out small detachments of Japanese troops in at least 20 instances.

Strike Often Sallies of the irregulars interrupted traffic on the Japanese-controlled portion of the Peiping-Hankow line, one of China's main north-south rail arteries, on an average of three times a week.

Japanese garrisons at Tingshen, 100 miles southwest of here, were annihilated on three different occasions.

A Japanese regiment at Chuwang, mountain town west of Tingshen, suffered losses of 10 per cent under a fierce guerrilla onslaught.

The Chinese Red army spurred irregulars to new attacks by holding a military congress of all guerrilla forces at Fuping in western Hopeh province near China's great wall.

Hopeh, where Japanese dominate the great cities of Peiping and Tientsin, the railroads, and the main highways, was well represented at the meeting.

Stamp Out Banditry One of the decisions of the congress was to stamp out banditry and looting.

Chinese peasants taking refuge in Peiping along the Peiping-Hankow railway say life is becoming impossible in many districts. Attacks and counter attacks sweep through helpless villages with both sides killing extensively on suspicion of espionage.

Communists are actively engaged in organizing the Hopeh province peasantry. Ten miles back of the railroad they have plastered the countryside with posters saying:

"Down with Japan!" Many Japanese troops along the railway were being replaced by Manchukuo garrisons. There was a minimum of 20 men in each detachment. During the past two weeks they have built strong barbed wire barricades.

Advances Prevented It is believed here that transfer of Japanese troops to southern Shantung province for an attack on China's Lunghai railway lifeline had precipitated the outbreak of irregular attacks.

(Shanghai dispatches quoted Chinese military leaders are announcing that guerrilla warfare on

So Sorry For Slapping! Tokyo — (AP) — A war office spokesman Thursday night expressed regret and surprise at Shanghai dispatches reporting a Japanese sentry had slapped the face of John M. Allen, consul in charge of the United States embassy in Nanking.

Domei, the Japanese news agency, quoted an army statement at Shanghai as saying: "Investigation reveals that the soldier's outrageous conduct seems traceable to a racial attitude on the part of the American diplomat. At any rate the matter is to be regretted."

widespread battlefronts had brought increasing success against the Japanese. Allen prevented Japanese from attempting further advances.

(The nation's rejuvenated air force also played a part in the increased resistance. The Japanese attack on the Lunghai and Tientsin-Pukow railways, which cross at

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Cloture Is Killed, Filibuster Goes On

Ice Threatens Niagara Bridge



Niagara's famous "Falls View Bridge," high flung steel structure known to millions of honeymooners, wavered dangerously under the onslaught of the biggest ice jam in 30 years. This photo, taken Wednesday, shows the bridge with the pier at the Canadian end surrounded by ice.

'Honeymoon Bridge' Apparently Is Victor Over Niagara Ice Gorge

Niagara Falls, N. Y. — (AP) — Marked by a slight sag and some twisted girders, Niagara's famed "Honeymoon Bridge" stood victor Thursday in a 24-hour battle with the worst ice jam in the Niagara gorge in 30 years.

A shift in wind during the night apparently saved the towering 1,200 foot span just when it appeared the thundering tons of ice pouring over the cataract were going to sweep it from its foundations.

Less fortunate but still not damaged beyond repair were the twin steamboats, the "Maid of the Mist," which have carried thousands of tourists up the river to the falls. The rising ice knocked them off their winter drydocks and against the walls of the gorge.

1,500 Watch Workers — When the jam was at its worst Wednesday night 20 men were lowered by ropes to the rumbling ice pack. Laboring under the

New Loan System Is Being Planned

Washington — (AP) — Secretary Morgenthau said Thursday a plan for loans to small business men was one of many ideas being considered by the administration as an aid to business and industry.

The cabinet member said he could not discuss the details. The administration, it was understood, was considering methods to make it easier for small businesses to float securities to obtain necessary funds and in addition was studying the possibility of reopening reconstruction finance corporation loan activities.

Facilities Inadequate Chairman William O. Douglas of the securities commission recently told congressmen that present facilities for securities financing were inadequate for small business men.

Since last Oct. 19, the president's policy has been against RFC loans but he has relaxed it in the case of a few railroads and for the commodity credit corporation which needed funds to finance the new corn loans.

Cheering reports on industrial production, foreign trade and wholesale business helped encourage administration officials studying

F. R. Nominates Jackson To Be Reed Successor

Washington — (AP) — President nominated Robert H. Jackson, of New York, Thursday, to be solicitor general in charge of anti-trust cases.

Jackson will succeed Stanley F. Reed, of Kentucky, who received his commission as a member of the supreme court from the president earlier in the day.

Reed will take his seat on the high bench Monday.

Jackson, whose home is in Jamestown, N. Y., will be 46 on Feb. 13.

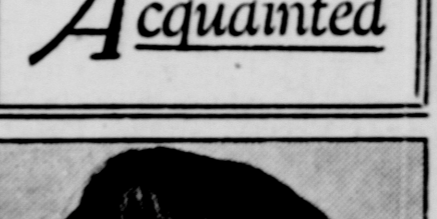
As head of the anti-trust section, he was successful in several major prosecutions. One of the most recent was the conviction of 16 oil companies for conspiracy to raise and fix gasoline prices in ten mid-western states.

Several weeks ago Jackson received considerable notice when he made two outspoken speeches against monopoly. Some political observers regarded these as part of a possible campaign for the New York Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

As solicitor general, Jackson's

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Let's Get Acquainted



SIGURD L. WAHLSTROM Mr. and Mrs. Wahlstrom have moved to La Crosse from Superior, Wis., and are residing at 1254 Farnham street. He is associated with the Swartz Office Supply company as salesman, a position similar to the one he held in Superior. Mr. Wahlstrom is a graduate of Superior State Teachers college.

Limitation On Debate Turned Down In Senate

Vote Against Proposal Is 51-37; Efforts To Sidetrack Lynch Bill 'Gab' To Be Pressed

Washington — (AP) — The senate killed Thursday a proposal for drastic limitation of debate on the anti-lynching bill, against which southern senators have been filibustering since the session started. The vote was 51 to 37.

The vote against debate limitation, or cloture, gave new encouragement to the southern bloc that the anti-lynching measure would be shelved.

Imposition of cloture, which would have limited further speech-making against the bill to one hour for each senator, was requested in a petition signed by 17 senators.

To Try Again Although supporters of the anti-lynching proposal said they would seek to keep it before the senate, opponents were expected to make an effort to sidetrack it soon.

Senators Duffy, Democrat, and La Follette, Progressive of Wisconsin, voted for the proposal.

The opponents' cause was given strength immediately by a statement of Democratic Leader Barkley. He told the senate he would call on the senate "in the very near future" to decide whether it wanted to continue debate on the bill or take up other matters.

Will Make Demand "I have done everything I could to bring this bill to a vote. Just as I would have done with any legislation," Barkley declared. "It has been debated since last August and here it is nearly February."

"I want to serve notice that in the very near future I am going to call on the proponents of this bill to decide whether they want to continue to debate a measure on which we can not get a final vote, or whether we should take up some other legislation."

The vote on cloture came after an hour's speechmaking by proponents and opponents of the anti-lynching bill.

Senator Neely (D-WVa) made the main address for proponents, contending that the bill was necessary to end lynching "brutalities."

For the opponents, 80-year-old Senator Glass (D-Va) spoke for 20 minutes, denouncing the bill as an invasion of state rights.

Glass asserted that the bill was "saturated with hypocrisy." "Their failure to muster a two-thirds majority for a motion to let each senator speak only one hour meant that the southern filibuster against the measure could continue unchecked."

Democratic Leader Barkley agreed to concur with proponents of the measure.

Defense Message Friday Washington — (AP) — President Roosevelt will send his message dealing with an expanded national defense program to congress Friday.

He decided against dispatching it Thursday when informed of the failure to secure a two-thirds majority for a motion to let each senator speak only one hour meant that the southern filibuster against the measure could continue unchecked.

White House officials said the message would be brief in comparison with those of others—approximately 1,500 words.

anti-lynching bill before adopting such a course. Two of the measure's principal supporters—Senators Wagner (D-NY) and Clark (D-Mo)—declared it should be kept before the senate regardless of the vote on curtailing debate.

"This filibuster violates all the principles of majority rule," said Wagner. "There are 60 or 70 votes for the bill any time it comes to a vote."

Legislation was piling up rapidly in senate committees because the chamber has discussed only anti-lynching since the session began Jan. 3.

Probable WLRB A senate judiciary subcommittee took up a proposal by Senator Burke (D-Neb) for an investigation of the national labor relations board.

Burke asked that the inquiry determine whether the board has intimidated witnesses, whether it has "favored one type of union organization as opposed to other groups," and whether it has violated the right of freedom of speech and of the press.

One of Mr. Roosevelt's major recommendations—a broad crop control program—probably will be ready for congressional approval next week.

The administration's wage-hour legislation, however, still was before the house labor committee for revamping after the house refused to accept it last fall. The committee agreed on a "cooling period" to dissipate animosities, but some members expressed concern that this process might freeze the bill to death.

There has been talk of reviving the Ellenbogen textile bill as substitute. Rep. Schneider (Prog-Wis) said it could be expanded to cover all garment manufacturing industries, which he declared were most in need of minimum wage control.

Wright Heartened With Defense Plans Mapped

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Several hours later to Glendene police, Giesler said he was trying to piece together the fragments of a dream. He said the nature of the facts Wright gave to the police as compared with the physical facts were absurd. Vagueness of Wright's statement, said Giesler, was caused by his desire "to keep the record clean for the sake of Mrs. Wright and their little daughter, Helen."

Giesler traced through Wright's earlier life to provide a background for what he said was, without question, emotional instability. He said Wright's World War service brought him pulmonary tuberculosis and heart trouble. In 1934, he said, Wright, "out of the great love for his wife," submitted to a sterilization operation rather than further jeopardize her life.

Would-Be Robber Gives 'Victim' Gun

Milwaukee — (AP) — George Eliopoulos helped police write an odd chapter in their "crime book" Thursday.

A young man entered his tavern, George related. The youth drank a glass of wine, fidgeted, then handed George a 22 pistol—but first.

"I came here to hold you up," the youth said. "But I haven't got the guts. I'm married, with a family, and need money badly. Keep that gun, I've changed my mind."

The youth started away, then turned and gave George a shoulder holster. "You might as well have this too," he said, and walked out.