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FDR Requests Mediation Of Coal Dispute

President Takes Hand
In Deadlocked Ne-
gotiations Between
Union, Operators

400,000 Miners Are Now Striking

Shortage Of Coal Is
Threatened In Many
Industrial Sections

WASHINGTON, May 6.—President Roosevelt is a hand in the deadlocked coal negotiations by telling both operators and labor a "agreement must be reached promptly" on a new wage contract.

With 400,000 United Mine Workers idle in 26 states and reports of threatened coal shortages in many communities increasing, Mr. Roosevelt said the differences between the two groups "appear not to be insurmountable and the orderly process of collective bargaining should suffice to bring about their adjustment."

The President's telegram was read in a joint conference of union officials and operators as negotiations were resumed.

A resumption of labor contract negotiations between the operators and CIO union miners was brought about yesterday by Dr. John R. Steelman of the United States Labor Department, with a public admonition and a challenge to both sides:

"You cannot break up this conference and go home to have a civil war."

The most important and immediate result was to avert a final dissolution of the two-month conference, thus far as far as the negotiations continued unless yesterday.

Meanwhile, the last 5,000 non-CIO coal miners still in the pits had their orders to quit at midnight, thus completing a national walkout without parallel since 1932 and involving some 400,000 men.

At Dr. Steelman's demand, delegations representing the United Mine Workers and operators, began immediate conferences with him. An incidental effect was that for the first time since the discussions started last March 14 a direct representative of the Roosevelt Administration was sitting at the conference table, but at the head of the table.

The first session under this new arrangement ended shortly before 5 P. M. Steelman made no comment save that meetings would be resumed at 10 A. M. today.

The picture in the anthracite industry, where concurrent negotiations to replace the hard coal labor contract expiring last April 30 have been going forward, brightened to the extent that a second week's extension to May 12 of the old agreement was agreed upon.

At 1 P. M., the UMW hard coal miners had threatened to pull out more than 100,000 anthracite miners, as well as those in bituminous, unless an agreement could be reached.

Meanwhile, some of the country's great industrial areas went on reduced coal rations because of the bituminous shortage, and in New York City, where two utility lines already were operating on reduced schedules, a third general industrial power plant was ordered to operate directly.

The Roosevelt's warning of the increase was given as some conservative and other representatives announced yesterday that no formal re-

CAPITAL WELCOMES SOMOZA



House Group Visits Local Hospital Site

Officials Voice Optimism Over Possible Selection Of Seminole Location

Optimism over the possible selection of the proposed Seminole site for the construction of a branch in the St. Rita insane hospital generalized among the hosts to the House committee which investigated the Seminole location this morning.

On their arrival, the House committee was greeted at Fern Park by a delegation of City and County officials which escorted the committee to the proposed location near the junction of the old Sanford-Orlando highway and the Lake Mary-Longwood road.

County officials advised the five members of the committee that 400 acres of land would be given to the State in the event the Seminole County site is chosen. They also added that additional land might be acquired if the event more is needed in the future.

Sanford's central location in the state, the good highways leading to Sanford from all directions, the availability of the property itself, a hard-surfaced and wide on a rail-road main line, the nearness of recreational facilities, the excellent water supply available, and the type of land which is highly suitable to agricultural production were some of the arguments offered in behalf of the proposed Seminole County location.

Chamber of Commerce officials said the Seminole County site is the largest which has been offered.

Members of the House committee were Martin of Hillsborough, Harris of Alachua, Slattery of Gadsden, Moore of Leon and Hall of Indian River.

The visitors arrived about 9:30 o'clock and left about 11:30 for the State capital.

Local officers were advised that the proposal for erection of a branch institution would be debated before the House next Wednesday. Appropriations ranging from \$400,000 to \$1,500,000 for enlargement of the present hospital facilities are proposed.

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City News Briefs

Buddy Lake left this morning for Deland where he will be giving a trout with the Reds.

The weekly drill sessions of the three National Guard Companies will be held in the Armory Monday night at 8:00 o'clock.

The weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club will be held in the Valdes Hotel Monday at noon.

Mr. R. W. Ruprecht is chairman of the program committee.

Arthur Branson returned last night for a weekend visit from Tallahassee where he has been assisting the Seminole County delegation to the capital.

At 1:00 P. M. today the king and queen left Jacksonville enroute for Waterloo, accompanied by a captain's escort of lieutenants and members of the royal suite making the tourney.

Salvation Army Group Attends Conference

Over 100 members of the Salvation Army group of Central Florida attended the annual conference of the Army in the United States at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City.

AAA Administrators To Get Invited

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PROCLAMATION

We, citizens of porous vastness, as Mayor of the City of Sanford, Florida, I hereby proclaim Sunday, May 7, 1939, as SANFORD DAY, in honor of the City of Sanford, one of our neighboring county's outstanding baseball teams, who will play Sanford for a game on that day. I hereby urge all who are able to do so and show our Lake Mary baseball team their coming.

EDWARD HIGGINS,
Mayor of Sanford, Fla.

May 6,

Russia Is Offered Basis For Mutual Defense Accord

REJECTS OFFER



Anglo-French Coalition Makes New Bid For Soviet Aid In Event Of Aggression

Poland Is Calm Despite Crisis

Hitler May Call For Plebiscite To Settle Danzig Dispute

Associated Press
Britain was reported to have offered Soviet Russia a basis for a least an understanding to bring the Soviet union into the British-French mutual assistance plan as both Germany and Poland waited for the other to make the next move in the tense issue over Danzig and the Polish corridor.

Authoritative sources in London said the British note prepared for dispatch to Moscow had accepted Russian proposals merely as a basis for further discussions.

Completion of an agreement for mutual assistance between Britain and Turkey in the Mediterranean was reported at Ankara.

Despite the belief that the showdown may be imminent, Poland stood by her rejection of Nazi demands on the corridor and Danzig and waited for Germany to make the next move.

German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop was believed to have taken with him to the conference with British Ambassador in Berlin a proposal for a plebiscite in Danzig, which the Nazis took for granted would vote to join Germany.

The possibility of efforts by Pope Pius to help preserve peace were considered, he will deliver a radio message tomorrow to the Eucharistic Congress at Algiers, Algeria.

Italian sources indicated Italy would try to avoid a direct part in the dispute and attempt to act as a mediator.

The British also framed a counter-proposal to the Moscow suggestion for a reciprocal guarantee of Baltic and Black Sea states, fearing that so broad a guarantee to those states was not practical at the present time.

The British further set forward a scheme under which the Soviet Union would support Rumania and Poland in the event of aggression against either nation.

This course to bring Red Russia into the British-French front of nations was understood to have been decided upon at a 90-minute meeting this evening of the committee, attended by Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, Sir Samuel Hoare, home secretary, and Sir John Simon chancellor of the exchequer.

It was authoritatively stated that Britain's offer to enter a reciprocal military alliance with Soviet Russia was unconditional. Authoritative informants said the projected alliance would bind the three great powers to come to each other's aid if any one is attacked by a European power but to exclude such aid in the event of conflict elsewhere, for instance, a Japanese attack on Russia in the Far East.

Both Britain and France already have pledged aid in defense of the independence of Poland and Rumania, neighbors of Russia.

Germany last night refused to enter into negotiations with Warsaw on the basis of Polish Foreign Minister Josef Beck's invitation for "reasonable conciliation" and intimated officially that a "self-determination" plebiscite may be demanded in Danzig.

The propaganda ministry announced, through its official spokesman, that Beck's rejection of Fuhrer Adolf Hitler's demands for Danzig and a route across the Polish Corridor was "not concrete enough" to serve as a foundation for new negotiations toward a peaceful settlement.

"Beck's speech does not offer a basis for negotiation," the spokesman said. "There would have to be more concrete proposals on the part of Poland.

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Business Men Seek Temporary Wekiva Bridge

Jurors Return Open Verdict In Carlson's Death

Aged Farmer Was Killed By Truck Is Report After Probe

A resolution requesting a temporary bridge across the Wekiva River for use of traffic on State Road No. 44 while the new bridge is under construction was given the approval of the officers and directors of the Business and Professional Men's Association of Miami.

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How To Lose A War

During the last war great Liberty Loan drives were made when almost every leading citizen mounted the rostrum and appealed to the public to buy bonds. And the appeal was so much patriotic fervor that almost the entire cost of the war was raised by the public. Over 20 billion dollars worth of bonds was sold to the public.

Apparently this method of financing a war is to be abandoned in favor of an untried and rather speculative experiment in the event the United States should become involved in another great conflict. If the bill introduced by Senator Lee of Oklahoma goes through, there'll be no Liberty Loan drives in the next war. The public will buy government bonds through their tax bills.

Under the provisions of this bill, the government would conduct a "wealth census", whatever that is, immediately upon the outbreak of a war. Thereafter, as it needed money, it would "sey" upon the citizens for 60-year loans in whatever amount it desired. The amount of the levy would be graduated so that a person with \$10,000 would contribute 5 percent of his wealth and a person with \$100,000,000 will contribute 75 percent.

And then suppose the government estimated the "net worth" of the country was 100,000,000, even though his family was mortgaged, his business did not yield sufficient rent to pay his taxes, and his home had a mortgage on it. He would be required to lend the government \$8000. That would take every cent he had, even though there might be an interest payment due on his mortgage and his doctor's bill hadn't been paid yet.

And then suppose the government estimated the net worth of another man to be \$100,000,000. He would be expected to lend the government \$75,000,000. Now this man's wealth might be represented by \$25,000,000 in bonds, \$25,000,000 in real estate, \$25,000,000 in stocks, and \$25,000,000 in cash (although this is a large amount of cash even for a multimillionaire).

Now how would this man get the \$75,000,000 in cash to lend the government? He would have to sell a large portion of his stocks and bonds or real estate. So would countless other persons who would find themselves in the same position. And as everybody would be trying to loan cash to the government, there would be practically no buyers either in the real estate market, or in Wall Street.

Consequently, if this bill goes through, we have guaranteed for ourselves a self-made panic and complete economic chaos immediately upon the outbreak of a war. We would be so overwhelmed with the problems of keeping ourselves afloat financially we wouldn't have time to worry about the foreign enemy at our doors. We would have a worse one at home to deal with. And we would have assured for ourselves in advance the loss of our freedom.

Working With Your Hands

When asked what he would do for a living if he were 21 years old today, William S. Knudsen, president of General Motors Corporation, replied that he would be a mechanic. He made the statement in connection with a survey recently conducted by the American magazine for the purpose of guiding young men "Confidence Survey," played a streamlined, speeded-up world." In the choice of a career, "I would try to get work in a machine shop," said Mr. Knudsen. "If that failed I would try for a job in a filling station, or as an apprentice to an electrician or a plumber, or as a clerk behind a counter, or as an errand boy. I would try to get some work to do with my hands. I have been more or less a mechanic since I was sixteen, in my spare time in a bicycle plant; I went to a technical school at night."

"Nowadays in America youngsters want a college education. That is all right. I would probably want one, too. But I wouldn't; if I knew what I know now, let the college

education interfere with my practical education as a mechanic. Last summer I talked a good deal with some young college seniors. They all seemed worried about how to get work after they got their degree. I suggested that they go out and get a job working with their hands: hand-lining station, factory, store, machine shop. They thought I was joking."

"Now, these were pretty good, average, decent, intelligent young Americans. The fact that they feared to go to work with their hands indicates there is something wrong with our system of training. Of the hundreds of thousands of young men graduated from college every year, a larger proportion seem to have one ambition: to be a college graduate. This is a terrible humbug about the position of a mechanician. Even with high unemployment, the top-notch skilled mechanician is still the rarest bird you can find. The genius of America is production, and a large percentage of our productive enterprises are headed by men who have come up from the worker's bench."

"Why is it, then, that so many of our youngsters today want to start their careers off at a desk, with no more than a pencil and paper, than to operate a telephone?

"They are, and the mechanicians are stronger and healthier than we are. Why? Lack of broad manual labor? The pioneers were men of little education. So were the immigrants. Consequently there are more Americans a great reverence for book learning. From this came many good things. It provided the urge for universal education in America."

"But maybe we have gone a little too far in our reverence for book learning, maybe in our concentration on theoretical knowledge. Theoretical studies are just as important. But in the knowledge of how to work with our hands, we must go with practical skills and broad, healthy education. What I am trying to say is, we must teach our children through books in only half measure, and give them a great deal of practical knowledge and broad, healthy education, into the brain only through the use of

Why All That Worry About A Coal Shortage, Anyhow?**MARSHALL NEWS**

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Market Town News

The Sanford Herald

Seminole County Produces
More Fruit And Vegetables Than Any
Similar Area In America

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Local Theater News

Bob Hope, Martha Raye Clown in New Carnival Of Fun

A number of interesting screen comedians, Bob Hope and Martha Raye, will be the stars of the new "Carnival of Fun" which opens May 11 at the Aladdin Theatre, where other stars appearing are George Raft, Eddie Cantor, and the comedian, Eddie Foy.

And what a tall order that is!

"Never Say Die" based on the story of the famous "Never Say Die" legend, who defied the Alz in an attempt to recover his wife, who had been captured by bandits, will open May 12 at the Majestic.

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bandits, who captured her.

Upon being told that his days are numbered, his family test

him to the bone.

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