



# Lewis Rejects Roosevelt's Plea

### Capital Sees Possible Troop Movement as C.I.O. Chief Personally Opposes Two 'Face Savers' in Captive Coal Mine Clash

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. (AP)—President Roosevelt today proposed a new formula for ending the strike in the captive coal mines and within a few hours John L. Lewis, on his own behalf, flatly and firmly turned it down.

Mr. Roosevelt proposed that further discussion of the one issue of the strike—which he described as the closed shop—be postponed until after the national emergency, or that the dispute be submitted to arbitration with the union and the mine management agreeing in advance to abide by the result.

### LEWIS ON MEETING

Watts replied that any formal decision would have to await a meeting of the union's policy-making committee on Saturday, but that as far as he is concerned the arrangement is unsatisfactory.

The officers of the union, he said, will not authorize from membership to accept anything short of a "union shop"—an arrangement under which all employees would join the union, or arbitration, he added, Mr. Roosevelt's recent statements have been so "prejudicial" to the aims of the union that he does not see a biased umpire could be found.

Meanwhile, the United States Steel Corp. had accepted Mr. Roosevelt's proposal and is ready to pursue either of the courses that the Chief Executive proposed. It is one of several steel companies involved in the controversy.

### TROOP MOVE HINTED

These rapid-fire developments left Washington wondering whether the next step would be sending troops to the mines, either by sending in troops or by asking Congress for quick legislation to assure a resumption of coal production.

Some 50,000 troops were in readiness to move into the coal fields. At the same time, the production of steel for defense was slowing more and more.

Smugly strikes were spreading in the commercial coal fields. A survey showed at least 20,000 miners out in more than 127 commercial mines.

### EARLY COMMENTS

For the present, however, there was no indication of what the President would do. From the White House there came only a statement by the President's secretary, Stephen Early, contending that the union has a 85 per cent membership in the captive mines it already has a "union shop." For that reason, he said, the status quo on the point would be an "open shop" agreement at all as Lewis argues.

"There's no use to confuse the issue," he told reporters. "The (Lewis) already got a union shop. Ninety-five per cent of the men have selected the United Mine Workers as their bargaining agent. The union shop, not an open shop."

As U.M.W. men define the terms, a union shop is one in which the employer may hire

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# Fumes Fatal to Five on Stalled Train

### Freight Breaks in Two in Middle of Tunnel; Three Rail Workers Die

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Trapped in a hell-pit of fire and smoke in the middle of the Hassen Tunnel, between Chatsworth and Santa Susana when a Southern Pacific freight train broke in two and stalled, three trainmen and two transients were suffocated early yesterday. Suffocated at the same time

### THE DEAD

Engineer John Dunn, 46, 2506 W. Ave. 30, Fresno, S. E. Snodgrass, 24, 1521 1/2 Cypress St., G. C. Baker, 25, brakeman, Bruce D. Clarke Sr., 145 S. Townsend St., transient, John G. Burcak, 1114 S. La Verne St., transient.

### INJURED

Harry H. Hartley, 61, conductor, 2019 N. Figueroa St., L. Rippey, 32 brakeman, 1221 1/2 Riverside Drive, O. B. Castle, 25, brakeman, 1504 W. Ave. 30, E. J. Bonner, 24, Bakersfield, fireman, E. J. Byrne, 204 N. Hoover St., brakeman.

were 10 carloads of beef cattle which were being shipped North.

### COUPLING BROKE

The train stalled in the middle of the 7000-foot tunnel with the locomotive 2500 feet from the north portal in Smith Canyon when a coupling knuckle broke on the 23rd car from the caboose cutting the train in two and stalling the huge mallet engine.

When a coupling breaks between any two cars of a train, the airbrakes automatically lock on both parts until the break in the air line is stopped.

First news of the tragedy came from crew members who were unable to make contact with the engineer and repair the coupling. The south portal of the tunnel before being come by the smoke and gas.

### LED TO SAFETY

The group was led to safety by Conductor Harry H. Hartley, 61, of 2019 N. Figueroa St. With him were V. L. Rippey, 32, of 1221 1/2 Riverside Drive, a brakeman; O. B. Castle, 25, of 1504 W. Ave. 30; brakeman, Boyd M. Spinnelli, 24, of 204 N. Hoover St.

Bonner, who was a student fireman, resigned after riding in the engine cab at the time of the accident, and also Brokeman Byrne. They escaped from the north portal and did not require medical aid. The others were taken to White Memorial Hospital where they were treated and placed under observation.

### BODIES IN CAB

The bodies of Engineer John Dunn, 46, of 2506 W. Ave. 30, and Fireman S. E. Snodgrass, 24, of 1521 1/2 Cypress St., were

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# Hoover Sees Futility of New A.E.F.

### Ex-President Believes Move Most Certainly Would Destroy Freedom

CHICAGO, Nov. 19. (UP)—Former President Herbert Hoover, contending that the European war is a "military stalemate for the foreseeable future," tonight warned against "the futile waste of American life by sending armies overseas."

"Mr. Churchill says the peril to Britain is now passed," he told the Union League Club in a radio speech. "We know that with preparedness our freedom is in no danger from invasion."

### PERIL TO FREEDOM

"On the other hand, by sending our boys overseas the chance of military success in overcoming Hitler's armies is so remote, the decay of Nazism is so probable, the war will be so long, the destruction of freedom in America is so certain, that we should have none of expeditionary forces."

The former President held that opposition to a new A.E.F. was not premature.

### TO DIE — Juanita Spinelli, doomed to gas chamber by Governor Olson.

# Death Awaits Mrs. Spinelli

### 'Duchess' to Be First Woman Legally Executed in California

Juanita (the Duchess) Spinelli will die in the San Quentin lethal gas chamber tomorrow, the first woman to be executed legally in California's history.

Governor Olson made this emphatic announcement yesterday. No Thanksgiving Day clemency will be granted to the Sacramento gangland murderer who is the mother of three.

San Quentin authorities sent an automobile to bring the condemned woman from the Tehachap Women's Prison to the little room adjoining the death chamber.

### GIVEN THREE REPRIEVES

Governor Olson previously had granted one 90-day and two 30-day reprieves to the 53-year-old "duchess" but yesterday he explained:

"I regret to say that I cannot find any extenuating circumstances with respect to her guilt. "The conclusion seems inescapable that she willfully and premeditatedly joined with others in the commission of the murder and was a principal in the times of Mrs. Spinelli's common-law husband, and Gordon Hawkins, 21. They were convicted with her in the gangland killing of 19-year-old Robert Sherard, and are awaiting execution Nov. 28.

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### OTHER PLEAS PENDING

Olson delayed decision on the clemency pleas of Mike Simeone, 32, Mrs. Spinelli's common-law husband, and Gordon Hawkins, 21. They were convicted with her in the gangland killing of 19-year-old Robert Sherard, and are awaiting execution Nov. 28.

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# British Storm Libya; Reels Hold Enemy

### Nazis Stopped at Caucasus

Hitler Army of 60,000 Trapped and Destroyed Near Rostov, Soviet Says

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adolf Hitler today was hurling forward his armies of the north, center and south in Russia and from the Baltic down to the Black Sea. The Red millions were breathing his new general offensive.

Ended, on the Russian front, was a weeks-long period of selective German attack which had been concentrated now in one sector and now in another.

### TRAP NAZIS IN SOUTH

The heaviest of all the fighting apparently was in the far south and there the Soviet forces seemed on the available information to be having the better of it.

The Russians declared four of

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Field Marshal Ewald von Kleist's veteran divisions of perhaps 60,000 men had been destroyed above Rostov, the northern advance to the Caucasus, in a trap which first opened for them and then closed with a fire that smashed more than half of the

### War Summary

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Nazis kill 100,000 hostages in terror reign of Europe. Page 1, Part I.

Four divisions of German army destroyed in flaming Russian trap. Page 7, Part I.

German armies renew offensive in Russia as weather gets milder. Page 7, Part I.

Litvinsky barred from passage on British plane in Iran. Page 9, Part I.

Invaders' tanks and left thousands of them dead upon the field of disaster.

Moreover, said Soviet sources, important heights in the Crimea "probably around the Black Sea" were recaptured in a Russian counter-offensive that forced back the entire German line.

Of the eastern front in general, the German command spoke of "new and successful operations" everywhere, a German military spokesman said.

The whole of the Soviet front is definitely threatened.

### MAJOR PUSH LOOMS

Both the Berlin spokesman and other official German sources stressed action east of and below Leningrad and against Moscow in both cases it was implied that all-out German offensives were at hand.

The Russians themselves acknowledged last night that in the German command some 60,000 men were being sent to the north of Moscow. The average low temperature for November is 51, or 15 degrees above yesterday's reading.

Forecast for today calls for continued clear weather, with a high of 55, reached at 1:30 p.m. and maintained until nearly 9 p.m.

### NO BEACH DAMAGE

Lack of heavy ground swells prevented a seven-foot tide from causing damage at Redondo Beach yesterday, but a swath of stones was deposited on the ocean-famous "Moonstone Beach."

The area between the municipal pier and Fourth St. is littered with the stones, proving a bonanza for collectors of moonstones, Jasper agate and other specimens.

In February, 1939, readings ranged in the low 40's for the

# Second Front Battle Starts

### Imperials, Paced by U.S. Tanks and Planes, Drive Far Into Axis Territory

CAIRO, Nov. 20. (Thursday.) (UP)—A British Imperial army, paced by American-made tanks and airplanes, struck out of a sandstorm on a 130-mile-wide sweep into Libya at dawn Tuesday and today was reported driving ahead "according to plan" 50 miles into Axis territory, opening the long-awaited "second front" fighting.

British, Australian and South African air forces, using many American-made planes and observed, dealt devastating blows in the first sweep, shooting down seven German Junkers-52 troop-carrying planes in flames over Matruh.

The British advance was so swift that the enemy forces were caught unprepared and were dispersed in disorder when struck.

### BROTHERS IN COMMAND

The aerial offensive carried all the way to Bengasi, 300 miles from the Egyptian frontier and scene of a major British victory in last winter's campaign.

It was accompanied by an assault of the whole Imperial army of the western desert, which was transferred suddenly to the command of Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, whose older brother, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, commands the Mediterranean fleet.

### AIRDROMES FOUNDED

Airdromes at Tmni, Derna, Martuba, Agedabia and Bomba, most of them taken over and improved by the Germans since last winter, were targets for scores of tons of bombs.

Bengasi was reported heavily damaged. Imperial dive bombers blasted Axis troops and gun concentrations, United States-made Maryland and Douglas medium bombers taking a big part.

The sandstorm that hid the British tanks from the defending German and Italian troops. Then a heavy rainstorm struck, bogging down Axis motorized

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# Gen. Weygand's Ouster Reported

### French Chief in Africa Declared Removed at Insistence of Germans

VICHY, Nov. 19. (UP)—Gen. Maxime Weygand, the military enigma of France, was reported tonight to have come to the parting of the ways with the Vichy government and to have resigned as Marshal Petain's representative and army commander in North Africa.

While the strong and popular leader of France's untried African armies walked alone, lost in thought, on the banks of the River Ailler, following three days of conferences with Petain, Admiral William D. Leahy, the American Ambassador, saw the old chief of state.

### LEAHY'S HANDS TIED

They were alone except for Leahy's interpreter, Douglas MacArthur, Third Secretary of the Embassy.

Authorized Vichy sources said, however, that Leahy could not interfere directly with what was essentially a French internal affair.

### DENY CASE MENTIONED

Spokesmen likewise insisted that Weygand's case was not mentioned in recent conversations between Petain and Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's Ambassador to Paris, but the fact remained that Weygand came from French Africa soon after the Abetz visit to Vichy. Moreover, the Vichy Colonial Secretary, Rear Admiral Rene Platon,

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FINANCIAL. Exports set new high record in September. Cotton mill activity at peak level. Stocks close higher. Oil news. Page 8, Part V.

THE SOUTHLAND. Move under way to transform Pomona fairgrounds into officers' training camp. Mustangs and distributors report returns of \$300,000 for season. Page 40, Part I.

SPORTS. Bears. Bulldogs resume warfare today. Page 29, Part I. De Lauer joins Trojans in game at Tucoon. Page 29, Part I. Bronco. Brin teams keyed. Page 29, Part I.

Remember This. Thought expedites action, talk impedes it.

# Mercury Hits 44 on Coldest Day Here Since February, 1939

You need not feel like a traitor to Southern California because you yipped up an extra blanket this morning, for Weather Bureau figures give proof that the cold snap is truly unusual.

Yesterday's low reading of 44 degrees at 6:30 a.m. was the coldest it has been here since February, 1939—33 months ago. And that 44 was recorded at the Federal Building, while a reading of 33 was marked up at the Lockheed Air Terminal Weather Bureau office.

### TOMATOES DAMAGED

Temperatures in residential sections throughout Los Angeles County ranged from 33 up to 45 along the coast. Among agricultural stations in Pomona Valley, low readings ranged from 23 to 32 degrees.

Little or no damage resulted to citrus crops, but there was considerable damage to the remaining crop of tomatoes, according to Paul Wilson, deputy county agricultural commissioner. Extent of the damage will not be known for several days, he added.

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# Nazis Said to Have Executed 100,000 in 'Hostage Terror'

LONDON, Nov. 20. (Thursday.) (AP)—The "hostage terror" sweeping nine Axis-occupied countries in Europe has resulted in the death of more than 100,000 persons and the disappearance and imprisonment of countless other thousands, the Inter-Allied Information Committee announced today.

Here is the picture as given by the committee.

### GREECE

A total of 15,000 were killed by six small Thracian villages by a Bulgarian motorized force and bombers because of the death of only 10 Bulgarians. Thousands of hostages seized by the Italians have been killed or "executed" in a "ruthless application" in Bulgarian reprisals on six Greek cities where 15,000 persons were killed in a single expedition.

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### POLAND

"No Nazi" than 82,000 Poles executed in two years by the Germans and death sentences are pronounced daily in great numbers. Yet thousands executed from every village unable to meet German grain levies. Three hundred ammunition workers were chosen

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# Christmas Value Days

The Times today presents its annual Christmas Value Days edition—a complete preview of the Christmas values and gift merchandise assembled by Los Angeles stores for sale tomorrow and Saturday. Broader in scope than ever before, with many new features, it is by far the largest Christmas Value Days edition ever published by The Times.