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# LEWIS CALLS MINERS BACK UNTIL NOV. 30

## Lehman Beats Dulles As Democrats Lose Control in Arlington

Fair Deal Scores In 1950 Preview In New York State

TRUMAN SEES Election as Congressional Victory Omen, Page A-4.

By Gould Lincoln

President Truman's Fair Deal and welfare state won their first round yesterday since 1948, when former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Democrat, triumphed in the New York Senatorial election over Republican Senator John Foster Dulles by about 200,000 votes.

This victory was somewhat offset, however, by the re-election in New Jersey of Republican Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll over his Democratic opponent, State Senator Elmer H. Wene.

President Truman and his administration leaders went all out for the election of Mr. Lehman in New York—whereas they kept aloof from the New Jersey struggle.

The Democrats won, also, in two other Congressional elections. Mrs. Edna Kelly, Democrat-Liberal won

Mandate Is Seen For Non-partisan County Elections

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By Robert C. Rollings

The result of the Arlington County Board election, in which Democrats lost control, was viewed by the winner of that contest today as a mandate for non-partisan elections to the board.

Robert W. Cox, nominee of a Town Meeting who ran as an independent, defeated Basil DeLamant, chairman of the County Board, by a vote of 7,316 to 6,306 in the election, according to complete unofficial returns.

"I believe that yesterday's election results show that the people of Arlington County want real non-partisan elections for the County Board," Mr. Cox said. "As for myself, I can only say that I deeply appreciate the confidence placed in me and will do the best I can to be a good public servant."

Damm and Magruder Win.

Another quarter also issued an appeal for legislation for non-partisan elections for the County Board as well as the School Board. It was directed to the county's delegation in the General Assembly, two of whom were re-elected to the House of Delegates. The third, Senator Charles R. Fenwick, was not up for election this year.

The winners were Delegates George Damm and J. Maynard Magruder, Democrats, who re-

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## Fight to End Poll Tax Revived in Virginia as Amendments Lose

Constitutional Convention Urged; Battle Is Elected Governor by Big Margin

By Alex R. Preston

"Demands for repeal of Virginia's poll tax were renewed today as late election returns were showing a 3-to-1 defeat of the suffrage amendments and a 2½-to-1 victory for John S. Battle, Democrat, for Governor over Walter Johnson, Republican."

A Republican and a Democrat, leaders of factions opposing Mr. Battle, issued separate statements calling for a constitutional convention to repeal the poll tax as a voting prerequisite without other election law revisions that were proposed on yesterday's ballot.

Convention Urged.  
Robert H. Woods, Republican State chairman, called for "an unrestricted constitutional convention."

Robert Whitehead, Democratic member of the House of Delegates who supported Francis Pickens Miller against Mr. Battle in the primary, offered this plan:

That the 1950 General Assembly, which meets in January, pass a bill calling a special election to vote on a constitutional convention.

Mr. Miller, also favoring a convention, expressed confidence that the General Assembly will reach a satisfactory solution of the problem.

Returns from 1,458 of the State's 1,760 precincts showed that only 49,946 voters wanted to adopt the amendments, while 169,843 opposed them.

The majority consisted of the rare combination of liberal Democrats and old-line conservatives, plus many Republicans. The liberals—who normally advocate repeal of the poll tax as a voting prerequisite—objected to the con-

(See VIRGINIA, Page A-6.)

## 70-M.P.H. Gales Imperil 40 on Distressed Vessel

By the Associated Press  
HALIFAX, Nov. 9.—The Weather Bureau reported early today that 70-mile-an-hour gales are sweeping the mid-Atlantic area where a storm-battered British freighter with perhaps 40 men aboard waits rescue.

The ship, the Scottish Prince, broke down Saturday and requested assistance.

There have been no reports from her since last night, when her officers said she was about 300 miles east of the Halifax tug Foundation Josephine.

The tug had been reported plunging through mountainous seas to the aid of the 7,138-ton merchantman.

## PUC Approves 6% Increase in Gas Rates

Higher Charges Due To Begin Wednesday; Company Asked 7%

The Public Utilities Commission today approved a 6.14 per cent increase in gas rates to District subscribers of the Washington Gas Light Co., effective next Wednesday.

The company had sought an increase of approximately 7 per cent.

The commission approved rate schedules designed to give the company additional annual operating revenues of \$749,520, or some \$150,000 less than the company had requested.

The increase will be shared by classes of customers as follows: Domestic (non-heating), \$386,422 or 8.01 per cent.

Space heating, \$257,795 or 5.07 per cent.

Commercial and industrial (non-heating), \$87,393 or 5.57 per cent.

Seasonal off-peak, \$611 or 7.71 per cent.

Wholesale apartments, \$5,701 or 1.78 per cent.

Government, \$11,598 or 2.86 per cent.

Largest percentage of increase, according to the schedule, will fall on the household who does not heat his house by gas.

The average such customer, who uses 25 therms of gas a month, will have his monthly bill increased from about \$3.30 to \$3.54.

Those who heat their homes with gas use an average of about 1,000 therms a year. Their bills average about \$8.50 a month over the whole year, and will now go up about 43 cents.

The monthly increase in individual domestic bills, according to consumption, will be:

5 therms, 22 cents; 10 therms, 23 cents; 25 therms, 24 cents; 50 therms, 26 cents; 100 therms, 55 cents; 200 therms, \$1.12; 400 therms, \$2.26, and 600 therms, \$3.40.

The commission said in its opinion that evidence indicates the company's earnings are less than 4 per cent, which is "obviously inadequate to maintain the company in a sound financial position."

While the cost of natural gas, including amortization of a property loss and cost of conversion, is now 3 per cent less than the cost of manufactured gas supply of 1939, the commission pointed out, other costs, principally labor, have risen to the extent that net operating income has dropped sharply.

Increase Called Necessary.  
"While the Commission is convinced that an increase in rates is necessary it nevertheless is desirous of confining such increase to a minimum," the opinion said.

The commission stated it was aware that one important factor contributing to the low level of earnings during the test year ended last May 31 was the mild temperatures prevailing during that heating season. While adjustments were made by both the company and the Commission, witnesses at the recent hearing on the increase to compensate for this condition these adjustments cannot be accepted as conclusive proof, the opinion pointed out.

Normal temperatures during the last heating season might have

(See GAS, Page A-2.)

## UMW Chief Says Truce Is Act of 'Good Faith'

Steel Walkout Nears Full Settlement With New Talk Tomorrow

By James Y. Newton

John L. Lewis today called a truce in the 52-day soft coal strike, ordering the United Mine Workers to return to their jobs until midnight, November 30.

The order was issued in Chicago after Mr. Lewis had met with the UMW's 200-member Policy Committee. The 380,000 soft coal miners east of the Mississippi were told to work under terms of their 1948 contract which expired last June 30. A month ago Mr. Lewis ended a brief strike of Pennsylvania's anthracite miners and soft coal workers west of the Mississippi.

Mr. Lewis described the truce as "an act of good faith designed to contribute to public convenience." That statement was in reference to fuel shortages which have become acute in many areas.

Owners Meet With Ching.  
The action hinted at resumption of the strike after November 30 unless agreement on a new contract is reached before that with the Nation's mine operators.

Shortly after announcement of the truce, representatives of Northern and Western mine interests met in conference here with Cyrus S. Ching, Federal mediator.

This session is a prelude to a joint meeting Mr. Ching has scheduled for tomorrow with Mr. Lewis and operators of all sections.

Meanwhile, the big steel strike drew nearer to complete settlement with announcement that the United States Steel Corp., which produces nearly a third of the Nation's total, is arranging a meeting with the striking CIO United Steelworkers, probably for tomorrow.

"Big Steel" led the industry's fight against free pensions, but is being forced to give in to the union by the acceptance of settlement terms by three of the country's "big four" companies.

Injunction Is Considered.  
Mr. Lewis' truce posed the question of whether the Government, if efforts to end the dispute fail, will apply national emergency provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

An 80-day Federal court injunction may be obtained against a strike under the law. It would postpone any resumption of a mine shutdown until near the end of winter.

"The United Mine Workers will again make another contribution of major magnitude to enhance the remote possibility of agreement being reached," Mr. Lewis said.

He added that between now and November 30 officers and scale representatives of the union "will participate in such wage conferences as may eventuate in conformity with recognized policy."

Householders Are Warned.  
The miners' chief urged private householders and public institutions to "provide themselves with necessary coal supplies to tide them over a further suspension period in the event that the contemptuous arrogance of the coal operators remains undiminished."

The Lewis strike-truce statement said the UMW Policy Committee "regrets with all other Americans the delay in execution of a new agreement for the industry."

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## Conolly Accepts Annapolis Post If Denfeld Becomes Successor

BULLETIN

The Navy said today that Admiral Richard L. Conolly had accepted an offer to be superintendent of the Naval Academy if Admiral Denfeld, former Chief of Naval Operations, succeeds him as commander of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean with headquarters in London.

CROMMELIN To Reply to Reprimand Before Going to Coast.  
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By the Associated Press  
LONDON, Nov. 9.—Admiral Richard L. Conolly has been offered the post of superintendent of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, a qualified naval source in London reported today. He hasn't accepted so far.

Admiral Conolly is waiting, the informant said, to find out whether Admiral Louis Denfeld, who was removed two weeks ago as chief of naval operations, is going to succeed him as head of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean fleet with headquarters in London. Admiral Denfeld has been offered the position.

Acceptance of the Annapolis post would be a come-down for Admiral Conolly, the source said, because he is a full admiral.

Superintendent at Annapolis usually calls for the rank of rear admiral.

"Admiral Conolly has been head of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleet for three years—since September, 1946—and he's due for a new post shortly," the source said.

"But it's considered extremely unlikely that he would agree to the step-back, which the Annapolis post would entail."

Neither Admiral Conolly nor his flag secretary was available for comment on the report. A spokesman at naval headquarters said he knew nothing about it.

Admiral Conolly, 57, of Waukegan, Ill., was graduated from Annapolis, served on destroyers in World War I and was a member of both the Naval War College staff and the staff of the Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet during World War II. He taught at Annapolis for a brief period in the 1930s.

At Annapolis, the Naval Academy public information office said it was not in a position to comment.

Rear Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., who has been superintendent since early 1947, was in Washington on an informal visit today.



## Big Three Reported Joining Policies on Yugoslavia, China

Germany at Top of Agenda For 2 Days of Talks by Bevin, Schuman, Acheson

By the Associated Press

PARIS, Nov. 9.—A well-informed source said the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France have agreed today to examine a common policy toward Yugoslavia and Communist China.

The three Ministers fixed an agenda for two days of meetings here. An American official reported it covers "a wide range of subjects," with Germany topping the list.

The Big Three Ministers then took up a memorandum from West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The Ministers agreed to examine all aspects of the German question—political, economic, psychological and military—and the issue of Germany's entry into the European Council and other international bodies.

Aid to Yugoslavia Weighed.

The three Western Ministers were also to discuss what assistance they might lend to Yugoslavia to enable Premier-Marshall Tito to maintain his independence from the Kremlin. They also were to consider problems involved in recognition of the Chinese Communist regime.

There were indications that British Foreign Secretary Bevin raised the question of China and that French Foreign Minister Schuman brought up the problem of French Indo-China, on China's border. Mr. Bevin has been reported planning to tell the French and Americans Britain wants to recognize China's Communist government.

Mr. Schuman told reporters: "This morning we set up our agenda. We will talk about Germany and other things. Certainly about China." He added he expected the conference would end tomorrow night.

Secretary of State Acheson "still would like to go to Germany before returning to the United States," but nothing has been decided yet," John J. McCloy, American high commissioner for Germany, told reporters.

Mr. McCloy is here to sit in on the talks charting Germany's role in an economically unified Europe.

Council Seat Approved.  
The Steering Committee of the European Consultative Assembly, lower house of the Council of Europe which seeks European unity, unanimously agreed today to recommend associate membership for Western Germany, under certain conditions.

These conditions were said to include strict observance of the (See BIG THREE, Page A-7.)

## U. S. Cruiser Columbus To Return to Boston

By the Associated Press  
LONDON, Nov. 9.—The heavy cruiser Columbus, flagship of Admiral Richard L. Conolly, commander of the United States Mediterranean and Eastern Atlantic Fleet, is returning to the United States in December for a refit at Boston Navy Yard.

The 13,600-ton cruiser, which carries a crew of 1,000 and 90 officers is commanded by Capt. Ephraim McLean, Jr., of Cleveland, Miss., and Arlington, Va.

Under present plans she will return to the Mediterranean in about six months.

## Chevy Chase Student Ends Life With Gun He Received as Gift

School Quarterback Dies After Shooting Himself at Home

Richard B. Onslow, 17, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School varsity quarterback, died early today in Suburban Hospital about four hours after he was found shot between the eyes in the bedroom of his home at 4706 Hunt avenue, Chevy Chase. A .22-caliber rifle lay nearby.

Dr. F. J. Broschart, Montgomery County medical examiner, issued a certificate of suicide.

The youth's father, Walton Onslow, a public relations consultant, said the body was found by a brother, Vincent, 13.

Mr. Onslow said Richard left a note indicating the boy was "upset," but not saying anything about taking his own life. Police said they had reason to believe Richard had quarreled with his sweetheart.

Mr. Onslow said he and his wife had visited neighbors in Chevy Chase to borrow literature

## Romulo Makes Appeal For Atom Truce and New Start on Curbs

U. N. Assembly President Reported Insisting That Proposals Be Discussed

By the Associated Press  
LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 9.—United Nations Assembly President Carlos P. Romulo announced today that he has appealed to the Big Five and Canada to consider a short-term atomic armistice, a ban on use of atomic bombs, and a new start on the problem of atomic control.

Gen. Romulo so far has not received official answers from the six governments, but Western delegates were reported to view the proposals as old stuff and vague.

Sources close to the Philippine delegate said, however, that he was insisting his proposals have a thorough study in the General Assembly.

His plan was published as the United States prepared to tangle with the Soviet Union on the atomic issue in the Assembly's Special Political Committee.

"Mankind is not prepared to accept a deadlock on a matter so serious to the future of the whole world," Gen. Romulo said in his appeal to the United States, Russia, Britain, France, China and Canada.

"Every effort must be made to explore even the remotest of an effective agreement."

Gen. Romulo listed four possible lines of action in the Assembly's search for an answer to the Western-Soviet deadlock. They were:

"1. The possibility of a short-term atomic armistice accompanied by an inspection system. The world is now faced with the prospect of a furious and calamitous race for atomic armament. It would be of inestimable value to discover a means of calling a halt to this race. If this were possible, it would afford us a breathing space for the calmer consideration of plans for the eventual long-term control of atomic energy, and might afford useful lessons in the administrative and (See ATOMIC, Page A-7.)

Transportation Expert Was Former Governor, Railway Mail Official

Senator Clyde Martin Reed, Republican, of Kansas, who fashioned three successful careers—politics, newspaper publishing and the Railway Mail Service—died last night in a fall down stairs at his home in Parsons, Kans.

A veteran party leader and senior Senator from Kansas, he had observed his 78th birthday on October 19.

Senator Reed suffered a heart attack and then fell from the second floor to the main floor, Dr. Guy Cramer told the Associated Press. Only last week the Senator returned to his home after an attack of influenza. He apparently died instantly, Dr. Cramer said.

His body was found at the foot of the stairs by his wife and a maid, who were the only other persons in the house.

Was Stormy Political Figure.  
Senator Reed returned to his home in Parsons soon after the last session of Congress. Although a husky white-haired figure, there had been widespread speculation as to whether he would run again for the Senate in view of his advanced age. His second term was due to expire January 3, 1951.

Senator Reed, who was known as a stormy figure in Sunflower State politics, gave no hint of his plans.

Prior to his election to the Senate for the first time on November 8, 1938, and his second term on November 7, 1944, he already had a long and distinguished career in public service, and as publisher and editor of the daily Parsons Sun. He acted in these capacities until his death.

Known as a conservative, his Senate service climaxed a career which started as a railway mail clerk in which he became a superintendent and included a term as Governor of Kansas.

Expert on Transportation.  
Throughout his political service, rail rates and farm legislation were those to which he gave the most attention. He was considered

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Austria To Devalue  
VIENNA, Austria, Nov. 9 (P).—Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl told the Parliament today that immediate action would be taken to devalue the Austrian schilling in line with the devalued British pound and other currencies.

## Bolivia Denies P-38 Ownership At Crash Probe

Plane Still Property Of District Firm, CAB Hearing Told

The Bolivian government today denied ownership of the P-38 fighter plane which precipitated the country's worst airplane disaster here November 1.

Maj. German Pol of the Bolivian Air Force told a crowded public hearing room: "The Bolivian government has consistently taken the position that the plane is still the property of the Universal Air & Marine Supply Co., a Washington firm."

His statement was made as the official hearings began into last week's air crash here in which the P-38, piloted by Capt. Eric Rios Bridoux, Bolivian aviation chief, crashed into an Eastern Air Lines DC-4, hurtling 55 persons to their death. The hearings are being held in the Departmental Auditorium by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Says Limer Got in P-38s Path.  
After completing his statement, Maj. Pol told the CAB investigators on cross-examination that the big commercial airliner, in turning left from its approach path into the airport, turned "exactly into the path of the P-38." Previous accounts of the collision have said that the airport control tower, in its frantic instructions to the planes, had instructed the Eastern pilot to turn left to avoid colliding after the P-38 pilot failed to respond to instructions to turn away from the DC-4.

Maj. Pol used his hands to illustrate how he saw the airliner pull up and to the left.

"Are we to understand you to say," asked one of the investigators, "that the DC-4 turned left and the plane which you said was on its right ran into it?"

"That's right," Maj. Pol answered.

He said the DC-4 had almost completed a 45-degree turn when it was struck. He denied that the P-38 was in an unusually steep glide for a landing approach as previously stated by tower controllers. He said the fighter appeared in a horizontal position and estimated it was losing altitude at about 400 feet a minute.

Maj. Pol also said that Capt. Rios, who had his own privately-owned P-38, was taking a course in airport traffic control from the CAA. He said he understood that he had about 4,200 hours' flying time, about 80 per cent of it in P-38s.

Pilot Still in Hospital.  
In his prepared statement, Maj. Poe revealed that Capt. Rios had made three previous visits to National Airport to fly the fighter but had remained on the ground because of trouble with the radio, the oil system, the brakes, throttle alignment and a rundown battery.

Capt. Rios, the only survivor of the crash, also is a Bolivian Air Force officer and is considered Bolivia's outstanding flyer. He is in Alexandria Hospital.

Maj. Pol declared that Bolivian government spokesmen had stipulated they would not take ownership of the war-surplus fighter or assume responsibility until the company had made repairs and the plane had successfully passed a test flight by Capt. Rios.

He identified documents, however, showing that the Bolivian government had received an ex-

(See CRASH, Page A-3.)

## One Killed, Three Injured On Baltimore Boulevard

By the Associated Press  
BALTIMORE, Nov. 9.—Cyrus James, 20, colored, of the first block of H street N.W., Washington, was killed early today when an automobile crashed into a pole on the Baltimore boulevard near the Patapsco River.

Three others were injured. They are:

Lucille Kidrick, 27, of the 2100 block of Maryland avenue N.E., Washington, cuts and bruises.

Clyde Ware, 28, first block of Deftrees street N.E., Washington, arm and leg fractures and cuts.

Loretta Izzard, 43, of the 100 block of Deftrees street N.E., Washington, fractures of both legs, fractured arm and internal injuries.

All are colored.

Baltimore County police said the driver, whose identity is known, disappeared after the accident. He reportedly hailed a cab and went back to Washington, where he lives.

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## Star Classified Ads Help Complete Your Christmas Gift List

A convenient way to complete your gift list is to shop in The Star's classified section, where "Miscellaneous For Sale" columns offer a wide variety of merchandise to suit your wants.

The Star carried over 16,000 more "Miscellaneous For Sale" ads during the first 10 months of this year than the three other Washington papers combined.

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