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CHINESE REDS PROPOSE TRUCE ON ALL FRONTS

Chungking — (P) — Chinese
Communists announced that they pre-
sented a formal written proposal to
the government today for an uncondi-
tional truce on all fronts of
China's undeclared civil war.

The proposal, they said, was deliv-
ered at a two-hour meeting with
three government representatives.
The meeting, the first formal ses-
sion between the two sides since
November 17, took place at the
headquarters of the national mili-
tary council in downtown Chung-
king.

Ask "Cease Fire" Order
Communists said their proposal
was, first, an unconditional "cease
fire" order by each side; second,
settling peacefully of all problems
relating to "the civil war", and
third, sending of inter-party and
non-partisan groups to the various
fronts to observe the situation.

Government representatives at to-
day's session promised to deliver the
truce proposal to Generalissimo Chi-
ang Kai-Shek for consideration, the
Communists said.

Preliminary arrangements for the
January meeting of China's political
consultative council—the inter-
party, non-partisan conference
which will strive to end civil war—
were discussed.

Government and Communist offi-
cials, until today, had met only in-
formally or socially since Novem-
ber 17.

Date Not Set
Date of the political consultative
council session was not set, but sev-
eral Chinese newspapers have pre-
dicted that it would not meet before
January 10.

Gen. Chou En-Lai, top Communist
delegate to the council, was a lunch-
eon guest of Gen. George C. Mar-
shall, new U.S. envoy, today, giving
Marshall for the second time a di-
rect report of the Communists'
viewpoint.

More Active Force May Be Used in Java

Batavia, Java — (P) — Lt. Gen. Sir
Philip Christison, Allied commander
in the Netherlands East Indies, in-
formed Indonesian leaders today
that he planned "more active meas-
ures" to restore order in strife-torn
Java.

He also called on the Indonesians
to place under his command what-
ever units of the Indonesian peace
preservation corps (TKR) he might
need to assist British troops in sup-
pressing disorders.

Christison outlined his plans at a
conference with Premier Sutan
Sjahrir and Information Minister
Amir Sjarifuddin of the unrecog-
nized Indonesian Republic as large-
scale fighting flared anew in Ban-
doeng, Java's summer capital.
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lem Schermerhorn of the Nether-
lands and acting Governor-General
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GIVEN UP—The war department
has abandoned hope for the sur-
vival of Second Lt. John F. Lubben,
above, missing in action for more
than a year, his father has been
notified.

LT. JOHN LUBBEN PRESUMED DEAD

Harry P. Lubben, 541 Grant
street, has received word from the
war department that his son, Sec-
ond Lt. John F. Lubben, missing in
action since December 12, 1944, is
now presumed to be dead.

The war department letter said,
in part, "... Your son was a crew
member aboard a Havoc aircraft on a
bombing mission to Wolfseifen,
Germany. This plane encountered a
snow storm near Scheidten, Ger-
many, December 12, 1944, and
shortly afterward went into a steep
dive and disappeared. Your son
has not since been seen or heard
from. . . . In view of the fact that
12 months have now expired with-
out receipt of evidence to support
a continued presumption of survival,
the war department must terminate
such absence by a presumptive find-
ing of death."

Joined Air Corps in 1940
Lieutenant Lubben was born in
Wisconsin Rapids October 15, 1916
and was a Lincoln High school
graduate. Prior to enlisting in the
army air corps November 1, 1940,
he was employed in the Biron labora-
tory of Consolidated Water Power
and Paper company.

A mechanic with the air corps,
Lubben was wounded by machine
gun fire when the Japanese attack-
ed Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.
He remained in the Pacific theater
of operations for two years, then
returned to the States for training
as a pilot.

Stationed in France
Lieutenant Lubben went to the
European theater of operations in
September, 1944 with the Ninth
airforce and he was stationed in
France shortly before he was re-
ported missing in action.

In addition to his father, he is
survived by three sisters, Janet, who
resides in Reid City, Mich., Mau-
reen, at Pittsburg, Calif., and Mar-
garet, at home; and two brothers,
Wendall and Paul, both at home.

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LABOR PICTURE IS DARK AS 500,000 THREATEN STRIKE

(By the Associated Press)

Threats of two huge strikes
which, if 100 per cent effective,
would involve about 500,000 electri-
cal and telephone company em-
ployees, darkened the nation's labor
picture today.

A walkout of 200,000 CIO work-
ers in plants of the electrical in-
dustry's "Big Three" was termed
"inevitable" by union leaders in
New York and may be called late
next week.

A nation wide work stoppage by
telephone employes was seen by in-
dependent union spokesmen as the
possible aftermath of a strike sched-
uled next Thursday by Western
Electric company workers in the
New York-New Jersey area.

The government was ready to act
to prevent the strike of electrical
work-ers at Westinghouse, General
Electric and General Motors, but
time appeared running short.

The executive board of the CIO
United Electrical, Radio and Ma-
chine Workers was to meet in New
York on January 5 to go ahead with
plans for a strike, which the union
membership authorized on Decem-
ber 13 in support of demands for a
\$2 day wage rate increase.

On January 2 Westinghouse and
General Electric have been invited
to a meeting with federal concilia-
tors, but Edgar L. Warren, con-
ciliation director, said after a meet-
ing with CIO-UE union leaders yes-
terday that "I'm afraid it's a seri-
ous situation." The union said
negotiations with General Electric
and Westinghouse failed, but are
continuing with General Motors.

Would Hit 76 Plants
A walkout at all three companies,
which Warren said would be "a
serious aggravation" of national in-
dustrial problems, would affect 76
plants in 22 states, with 100,000 em-
ployees at General Electric, 75,000
at Westinghouse and 25,000 at Gen-
eral Motors.

A demand for a 30 per cent wage
increase also was the issue in a na-
tional walkout of telephone em-
ployees. Henry Mayer, counsel for
the Independent Western Electric
Employees association, affiliated
with the Independent National Fed-
eration of Telephone Workers, said
picket lines would be established
around telephone operating com-
panies in New York and New Jer-
sey on January 3.

The lines would be spread, May-
er said, to all Bell system com-
panies that use Western Electric
equipment if the strike continued
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Hopes De Trapped Fires Ext

Pineville, Ky. — (P) — At least
four rescue workers attempting
by a coal mine explosion more
men would be found alive grew dim-
mer today.

A. D. Sisk, director of rescue
operations at the Kentucky Straight
mine of the electrical indus-
try's "Big Three" had been sighted but it was
back in the tunnel. The workers
a half miles back and were ab-
sent. The number of trapped men
Estimates of officials ranged a
figure would not exceed 30.

Last hopes of reaching the re-
scue crew dimmed as 24 hours passed
since the explosion which,
though not felt or heard ab-
ground, turned the mine's timb-
er and walls into a jangle of wre
age.

May Take Days
A company spokesman said there
was no indication how much long
it might take to reach the scene
of the blast, believed to be near
end of the two to two and one-half
mile long tunnel. Some mine men
said the cave-in might be reached
today, but others said it was dou-
ful that the area could be reached
short of two or three more days.
None of those close to the scene
held out hopes that any of the
trapped men would be reached alive.
The general consensus of experts was
that most of the miners could have
been killed by the actual explosion or
by carbon monoxide.

Encounter Flames
Flames first were encountered
100 feet from the mine entrance
State Highway Patrolman Au-
Hall reported. He said the min-
ers were believed trapped at the de-
nd of the two and one-half
long mine.

The fire apparently had be-
come burning since the explosion at
8:30 a. m. (CST) yesterday in
mine operated by the Kentu-
cky Straight Creek Coal company.

Mine experts expressed belief
that most of the men might have
perished in the actual explo-
sion. They added that gas fumes prob-
ably killed any who might have
survived the underground concussion.
Sober-faced relatives of the trap-
ped men stood at the entrance
of the mine patiently awaiting news
from the rescue teams.

Mrs. Delia Quick Succumbs; Funer Services Saturday