

# TRANSNATIONALS FACES AS RAIL STRIKE HOW COMES



**BULLET FELL BURGLAR SUSPECT**—Linwood Magnus, Negro, known as "The Black Cat," looks sullenly at the policeman who shot him as he is being placed on a stretcher to be taken to a hospital. The policeman, Detective Arthur Harnisch, right, in plain

## Byrnes Back From Paris

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes returned from Paris today and immediately reported to President Truman on the failure of the Foreign Ministers conference so far to agree on European peace settlements.  
Byrnes arrived aboard an Army plane at 10:35 A. M. EST, and announced he would report to the nation by radio Monday night on the conference—where on almost every major issue the split was widened between Russia and the western powers, the United States and Britain.  
The Secretary went directly from the airport to the State Department. Although he told newsmen that he was weary after the street in a few minutes to see President Truman.  
Otherwise, the Secretary, who See BYRNES back on page 6-A

## In Belgian Re-Invasion Nazis Were Ordered To Stop At Nothing

By CYNTHIA LOWERY  
DACHAU.—(AP)—Nazi armored troops poised for the 1944-45 winter counter offensive into Belgium were ordered to "drive on recklessly, give no quarter, take no prisoners," prosecution witnesses in the Malmedy trial testified today.  
The testimony was given by four enlisted men of a combat team of the SS regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Peiper, one of the 74 defendants. The prisoners maintained that as a result of such orders more than 500 American prisoners of war were slain in cold blood, more than 90 Belgian civilians were murdered and other atrocities were perpetrated against unarmed persons.  
The third day of the trial was devoted entirely to testimony of the four SS men, who are not defendants in these proceedings. They said the order was given the night before Field Marshal Gerd Von Rundstedt launched his counter offensive.  
The bulk of the testimony concerned the line of march of Peiper's regiment in the southeast corner of Belgium, where the Malmedy, Stavelot and La Gleize massacres took place.  
The prosecution expected to conclude its presentation of preliminary evidence late Monday after calling six American soldiers who were left for dead by SS men at the Malmedy crossroads.

## No Hint Of Action In Coal Strife

**Weekend Change Unlikely**  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Charles G. Ross, Presidential press secretary, said he anticipated no White House developments today in the deadlocked coal contract dispute.  
There is nothing new in the situation, Ross told reporters. There was no hint of any Presidential move toward either side. He said Mr. Truman's plans to fly to Missouri tomorrow afternoon on an overnight trip.  
There was no indication from the soft coal operators or John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers of a week-end change in the picture.  
With only a week remaining of the strike under which Lewis' UMW's 600,000 miners return to the pits last Monday, both union and management were standing pat.  
Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the operators, returned to his home in New York.  
AFL BACKING  
Lewis, backed by AFL's Executive Council in a resolution yesterday pledging support of 7,500,000 Federation members "until victory is won," showed no sign of wavering in his demand for a health and welfare law at which the operators have balked.  
The current United Mine Workers Journal asserted O'Neill had told President Truman May 10 the owners would accept the law in principle, but that later they made "a complete repudiation of O'Neill's White House promise."

## Truman Will Make Flight

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman will leave for Missouri tomorrow to fly home to Missouri for an overnight trip.  
He originally had planned to leave today, but the coal and railroad crises caused a change in plans.  
Mr. Truman will visit his mother and arrive home at five o'clock Monday from William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo.  
The President's plans were made known to reporters by Charles G. Ross, press secretary.  
The trip tomorrow will take the President four and one-half days and the President's plane will land at the Fairfairs Airport at Kansas City, Mo., across the river from Kansas City, Mo.  
Mr. Truman will spend the night at the Fairfairs Airport and the latter city and drive Monday morning to Liberty to receive the President's mother.  
He will drive back to the airport for an afternoon takeoff for Washington.  
The White House was not sure today just what time the President would leave for Missouri, but he has been ill with a cold.

## Federal Workers To Get Pay Jump

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—One million federal workers will receive pay raises of at least 14 per cent or \$250 a year—whichever is greater—under a bill awaiting President Truman's signature today.  
The legislation, a compromise between House and Senate bills, provides that no salary may be raised to more than \$10,000 a year and limits increases in the lower pay brackets to 25 per cent.  
House and Senate approved it late yesterday.  
The bill would add additional cost to the Government would be \$221,000,000 a year except that the measure provides that 75 per cent of the sum must be eliminated by reduction in personnel. Under terms of the bill the number of employees classified under civil service eventually would be cut from 2,400,000 to 1,600,000.  
The bill does not apply to postal workers, for whom Congress already had voted a \$400 a year pay hike.  
Commonwealth Newspaper In Greece Destroyed  
ATHENS.—(AP)—The Minister of Public Order said today that 100 newspapers and magazines had been destroyed by constant press attacks on the Army, had destroyed a Communist newspaper plant in Volos.

## Two Unions Go Out Higher Pay Chief Issue Involved In Railway Strike

By JAMES MARLOW  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Here's the ABC of the railroad strike due to start at 4 P. M. today.  
Only two—of the twenty big railroad unions—called the strike. Those are the engineers and trainmen, about 250,000 of them.  
A strike by them would be enough to tie up the railroads, they're key men. The other unions could hardly operate the roads without them.  
But, although the strike is headed now, and for this reason: The Government loaned the unions were entitled to about only half the wage increase they wanted.  
Also, the boards decided, the demands for contract changes would need a lot more time to straighten out.  
Not all the unions asked for precisely the same things. Not did all go through precisely the same process.  
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## U. S. Girds For Transport Battle

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The Government girded today its announced intention of keeping freight and passenger transportation moving as best it could as the 4 P. M. railroad strike deadline approached.  
At least one railroad—the Missouri-Pacific—called on its division officers and others to man the throats of its locomotives.  
The Missouri-Pacific said it would use its division officers and others who are competent engineers and that it planned "every possible effort" to keep its mail and principal passenger trains running.  
EMBARGOS ON PERISHABLES  
Even before the strike deadline, some railroads declared embargos against shipment of perishables, raising the prospect of some immediate shortages despite later developments in the scheduled walk-out.  
The Railway Express Agency issued an embargo against the receipt of any further express shipments of perishables in New York City and a spokesman said the order likely would become national in scope.  
Most railroads planned their future operations on the basis that the strike would continue to run. Service on the major railroads last night and this morning was generally about normal.  
In Chicago's great rail terminals, notices that the roads would operate under federal control were posted on employee bulletin boards.  
Management spokesmen said they would transport freight and passengers to the best of their ability with the manpower available.  
In West Virginia, major coal producing states, fears were expressed that any railroad strike quickly would nullify efforts of the two weeks old coal true. Trains are needed to move the coal away from the pits.  
In New York, major bus operators See U. S. GIRDs on page 6-A

## Limited Mail Ban Possible

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Second Assistant Postmaster General Charles Sullivan said today that "a limited embargo on the mails" might have been imposed if the railroad strike materialized at 4 P. M.  
Sullivan made the statement in telling reporters that the railroad strike would be a "major problem" for the Postmaster General.  
He said that he had been contacted by the Brotherhood of Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and that he had been told that they would leave their jobs unless they were paid a wage increase.  
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## Army & Navy Planes May Be Used For Mail

**Use Of Non-Rail Systems For Freight And Passenger Traffic Considered**  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Office of Defense Transportation considered today a proposal to have military planes fly the mail and non-rail transportation systems handle their capacity of freight and passenger traffic if a strike paralyzes the railroads.  
Consultations were hastily called with postal officials and officers from the War and Navy Departments, as 4 P. M. hour for the scheduled walkout of 250,000 engineers and trainmen neared.  
An ODT official said no decision was reached immediately but that it was possible that all first class mail might go by Army and Navy planes.  
Airlines, water carriers, truck and bus systems were asked to assume, if necessary, what share they could of hauling the nation's freight and passengers.  
A union statement that "the railroad strike is on" dampened already-faint hopes that the rail transportation system of the country might be spared an immediate crippling.  
Director J. Monroe Johnson of ODT conferred with representatives of non-rail groups, including the Eastern Division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said today that "the railroad strike is on" and "any hope of averting it ended when the union leaders left Washington to return to Cleveland."

## Says Rail Strike Is On

BROTHERHOODS WIRED  
The ODT director also telegraphed the eighteen railroad brotherhoods and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said today that "the railroad strike is on" and "any hope of averting it ended when the union leaders left Washington to return to Cleveland."

## Railroad Strike Crisis At A Glance

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The nation's 250,000 railroad engineers and trainmen under union instructions to strike at 4 P. M. (local standard time) Saturday.  
Major developments:  
Administration: President Truman strikes 237 railroads, urges engineers and trainmen to disregard strike call; ODT asks union heads to rescind strike call. ODT says will operate trains.  
Labor: A. F. Whitney, head of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and A. J. Johnston, head of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, say they will not ask men to stay on job; local union leaders say men will leave their jobs unless Whitney and Johnston rescind strike call.  
Railroads: Seized railroads, operating over 227,335 miles of track, plan to continue operations with "whatever manpower available."  
Cities: Major cities make hurried plans for transportation crisis; suburban commuters face loss of transportation to jobs. Administration spokesmen say food trucks would be left quickly in bigger cities with perishable disappearing from store counters almost immediately.  
Baseball: American League rushes tentative plans to get teams in transit before strike deadline to permit Sunday double-header schedule. Cleveland-Washington Saturday game canceled.  
Previous railroad strikes: 1922, 1929, 1934, 1937, 1944, 1945.  
Previous seizures: Jan. 1, 1918, Dec. 1, 1945.  
Issues: Carriers accepted Government recommendation for \$128 daily wage boosts. Unions, seeking originally \$230 daily, scaled demands to 18 per cent with minimum of \$154 daily.

## Smoker Cancelled By Veteran Railroaders

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Railroad workers themselves appeared somewhat surprised that a "Smoker" held by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was indefinitely postponed. The Association has 400 members with more than nineteen years of continuous service with the railroad and most of them live on Long Island, using the railroad to commute.

## WEATHER

Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms today; slightly cooler tonight. Partly cloudy and slightly cooler tomorrow.  
Temperature at 5:30 today: 70-80. High and low last 24 hours: 70-80. Sunset today: 7:50. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:30.