

Accident Toll
Charlotte wakes more than
any city in accidents than other
cities of its size: 28,000,000 and 78
fatalities in 1944. In a special article
today, "Democrats Ignore Love or
Liquor Reference," the accident toll
and statistics how we
might check it. Page 6-A.

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Raleigh Pow Wow

Pleas Made For Less Spending, Improved Roads

RALEIGH — (AP) — Pleas for reductions in Federal expenditures and for better county roads were voiced today before the State Democratic Convention, whose platform committee ignored a movement for a statewide referendum on the state of liquor.

Frank Clarkson of Charlotte, representing the Allied Church League, tried to pledge the party to a statewide referendum for a referendum, supporting his move were W. R. Dillon of Healdville, a lawyer, and A. Martin of Lexington, staunch supporters of prohibition.

W. H. Houch of Pittsburg, former Lieutenant Governor and now National Committeeman, was named chairman of the platform committee. He read letters from churches and other organizations opposing legal liquor sales.

The Platform Committee, in rejecting the dry plea, also rejected an effort by Senator Joe Dyer of Mecklenburg to place the 1947 Legislature in a referendum. He was defeated when veteran legislator Rivers Johnson of Yadon said

A Near-Ultimatum

Palestine Program Rejected By Arabs

JERUSALEM — (AP) — An Arab Higher Committee official said today the committee had delivered to Britain a letter the "next thing to an ultimatum," rejecting the Anglo-American Palestine recommendations and declaring Arabs will now "prepare all means for defense in order to resume the national struggle."

Abraham Shikha, director of the Arab office, told reporters the letter meant that an Arab uprising similar to those of 1928-1929 was threatened.

LETTER SENT

Shikha said that the committee had dispatched through the British High Commissioner in Palestine to the British cabinet.

"Dr. Jozaf Tannous (the Higher Committee Secretary) and myself presented the letter in a formal two-minute meeting with the High Commissioner," he said.

"In our view, if British imperialism had not been the cause of the Arab-Anglo-American conflict, those two minutes will pass into history as historical records."

Terminating the letter as the next thing to an ultimatum, Shikha said the national struggle mentioned in the letter referred to the 1939-1943 uprisings which ended with the British white paper of 1947 and the Jewish immigration.

The British-American Commission report in effect would terminate the white paper in favor of 100,000 Jews.

STRIKE URGED

The Higher Committee took other steps to combat what it called a "catastrophe to Arab nations."

It named an emergency committee to study plans for a possible civil disobedience strike, and urged other Arab nations to unite in a protest strike tomorrow.

U. S. Unwilling To Police Palestine

By ALEX H. SINGLETON

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States should stand today from the prospect of direct intervention in Palestine, apparently contenting on the United Nations to assume future responsibility for the troublesome Holy Land problem.

Although Congressional opinion overwhelmingly favored the proposed intervention of United States troops, it was plain the lawmakers were against this country's joining Britain in the thirteenth

Hal Boyle

Ex-Nazi Town Would Redeem Name With Democratic School

By HAL BOYLE

COLUMBIA, Germany — This well-spring of Nazism wants to redeem its good name by organizing an "international" school.

It is ready for agreement among the nations where students from all over the world can study democracy.

It is a strange thing—a mass movement to make a city for post-national-Socialist students from all over the world.

MR. BOYLE

Coburg for centuries was the dual seat of the Saxe-Coburg-Tesche rulers, a prolific royal fam-

Attack On OPA Stirs Barkley's Wrath

Challenges Statement In Booklet

Plan To Seize Power Charged

By J. W. DAVIS

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, vigorously challenged today a statement that a few incompetent men "have seized control of the destinies of America by seizing control of prices" and want to perpetuate that control.

The statement was in a booklet entitled "The OPA Must Go," distributed to members of the Senate Banking Committee by Mark Pickel, III, secretary of the United States Food and Drug Association. Pickel told Barkley the pamphlet was issued by his organization and that he had written most of it.

NO ONE NAMED

Barkley said Pickel was "imagine the good faith and sincerity of honest men to name anyone who had seized control of America and want to perpetuate that control," Pickel named no one. He did say that Chester Bowles, Economic Warfare Administration, wanted indefinite power for the Government to control prices.

What excited Barkley's wrath was this petition in the booklet: "Canar also became ruler of the destinies as absolute despot over his people. He did Mingo, he did Hitler. They all died violent deaths."

"A few men who have proved their inability to lead, but have brought chaos, confusion, and shortages in food, have seized control of the destinies of America by seizing control of prices. They want to perpetuate this control."

"That hold must be broken. OPA must go!"

Barkley objected to "insinuations against the good faith and sincerity of honest men." He added: "We would all rejoice tomorrow if we could get rid of it (price control). I would thank God on my bended knee if I could look forward to the time I would never get another letter giving me hell about something."

Barkley asked whether Pickel's booklet was signed by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, or John D. Small, Civilian Production Administration. In each case, the reply was "No."

"The gentlemen in OPA want to continue their power" in an unwise policy to ward, Barkley said. "It is needed by the country, Pickel said."

HOUSE BILL URGED

House Committee is considering legislation to continue price control for a year. Pickel asked Senators to adopt the House bill which trimmed OPA's powers sharply.

Prior to Barkley's outburst, Pickel had predicted this Summer fall will see "the most great shortage of any time in American history."

In House OPA regulations for the present, saying that cattle, horses and other farm animals make money on meat.

"All you have to do is to give the following assurance that price controls are going to come off," Pickel said.

When Pickley suggested that a

Lest We Forget

The American Military Cemetery at Solers, on the outskirts of Paris, pictured during the Peace Parades, is one of many evidences of a war that has ravaged the nations of the world. Members of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris have all around them these evidences of a war costly in lives and property — mute reminders that all efforts must be made to prevent another such war. (Acme Photo.)



Lewis Spikes Hopes For Early Mine Settlement

New York May Have 'Brownout'

By HAROLD W. WARD

WASHINGTON — (AP) — John L. Lewis today seemed to have virtually ruled out any possibility of a coal strike so soon as the union has at least more days as dwindling fuel supplies cut most Illinois factories and business establishments to 20 or 24 hours of electricity a week.

Lewis' action in summoning the 250-man Police Committee of the United Mine Workers to Washington next Tuesday was construed by close observers of previous strike strategy to indicate he did not expect any agreement with the soft coal operators by then.

The committee would have to ratify any settlement proposal, but it also could have been summoned to hear a report on progress and take up problems connected with the opening of contract talks for 75,000 anthracite miners on May 10.

"VERY GRAVE" IN N. Y.

As the coal shortage became more acute Acting Health Commissioner Israel Weinstein in New York City termed the situation "very grave."

He said that the coal shortage would mean that the city's power plants would have to shut down by the end of the strike within a week he will ask that subway operations be curtailed as brown-outs instituted and the City's Disaster Control Board convened.

The order of the Illinois Commerce Commission in clamping a drastic 24-hour a week ration of electricity on industrial users in Chicago and Northern and Central Illinois leaves those users completely without power on Sundays. Commercial users such as stores and theaters may operate with electricity on week days only between 2 and 6 P. M., with none on Sundays.

This most drastic step forced by the 33-day-old bituminous coal strike, which is being led by Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the coal operators, contained in a "deliberately provoked" the strike which he said has brought the country to the verge of a disaster greater than anything since Pearl Harbor.

O'Neill, a former district vice-president of the United Mine Workers said the current shutdown was "the most costly strike ever perpetrated against an industry and the American people."

Paris Talks Informal

PARIS — (AP) — Formal sessions of the Foreign Ministers conference were suspended indefinitely today and the four Ministers decided to hold only daily informal meetings in the future, qualified American sources said.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault expressed dissatisfaction at the progress of the Council in writing Europe's peace treaties and was supported in this view by U. S. Secretary of State James P. Byrnes, an American informant said.

"The Frenchmen then proposed and the Council decided that in the future the four Ministers would meet informally at Luxembourg Palace in the office of the chief of the delegation who normally would preside over formal sessions."

There was no hint of a breakdown in the negotiations. The Ministers felt they could get along more swiftly in informal meetings, the procedure that was adopted during their Moscow Conference last December when a similar situation arose, the American source said.

The four Ministers were reported by British sources to have agreed today to ward, Yugoslavia, a string of Dalmatian Islands along the eastern Adriatic coast.

Peace Effort Fails

Rail Union Men Quit Conferences

CHICAGO — (AP) — Representatives of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Railroad Engineers today walked out of negotiation conferences with the carriers aimed at heading off a nationwide strike.

A. F. Whitney, president of the Trainmen, said the unions left the conferences, which began Monday in an effort to avert a strike set for 4 P. M. May 18, because the operators "offered us nothing substantial."

"We walked out after fifteen minutes of conference," Whitney said. "We are going back to the tools and discuss the matter with the wage committee and we will not meet them again unless they have something substantial to offer."

Power Cut In Illinois

CHICAGO — (AP) — Industry, business and entertainment in about 1,300 Illinois communities, including Chicago and most of the state's other large cities, were under a drastic order today to immediately cut use of electrical power to safeguard public health and safety during the critical soft coal shortage.

The slash in use of electricity, ordered by the Illinois Commerce Commission as an emergency measure, indicated a brownout for about two-thirds of the state far more rigorous than the wartime curfew and a virtual shutdown of nearly all night time public activities.

NO NIGHT MOVIES

The order indicated there would be no movies after 6 P. M. and apparently meant the shutdown of legitimate theaters at night, as well as a ban on all night sports events, including professional baseball games in the four Illinois cities in the Three-I League.

The order, aimed to conserve rapidly diminishing coal supplies because of the 33-day nationwide soft coal strike, was issued last night and affects nine power companies serving Chicago and Northern and Central Illinois. It came after the commission heard testimony that utility coal stocks would be exhausted in about three weeks.

The order did not set up an enforcement machinery, but it empowers the electric companies to withdraw all service from firms and persons who fail to cooperate in the restriction order.

The commission directive also provides that members and officials of the utility companies may be fined.

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Secretary Byrnes Is 67

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman cabled congratulations today to Secretary of State Byrnes on his 67th birthday and 40th wedding anniversary. Byrnes is in Paris attending a four-power Foreign Ministers' Conference. The president's message was not released.

Extension Of RFC Urged

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Describing the Reconstruction Finance Corp. as a major instrumentality for conducting postwar Government business activities, President Truman today recommended that its statutory authority be extended beyond the present Jan. 22, 1947, expiration date.

The President also again told Congress that legislation providing premium payment subsidies to finance expansion of building materials was essential to provide an adequate supply of housing for returning veterans.

BUDGET MESSAGE

These recommendations were contained in a message transmitted the next fiscal year's budget proposal for all wholly-owned Government corporations.

The Export-Import Bank, Mr. Truman said, anticipates disbursements which may run as high as \$2,000,000 on loans "to finance purchase of American commodities and to provide the necessary minimum credit for postwar reconstruction abroad."

The President asserted that he regretted it was necessary "to hold the line against the forces of inflation," adding:

"I have said before, and I repeat here, that I will not be moved to increase the money supply as soon as the inflationary process is slackened. I hope and expect this will occur by the end of the fiscal year 1947."

He not only called for subsidies on building materials, recently rejected by the House, but also for prompt enactment by the House of legislation recently approved by the Senate "designed to raise the long-run holding level of the nation."

Dean 'Shocked'

War Against Petting Opened At Illinois U

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — (AP) — A war against "campus petting" was on today at the University of Illinois and the Dean of Men said the school would encourage "more desirable forms of recreation."

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Truman Confers With Roberts

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman conferred with Owen J. Roberts, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, today but there was no indication whether they discussed the appointment of a new Chief Justice.

Roberts spent twenty minutes in the President's office and then left the Supreme Court building. The conference took place after it was announced that Mr. Truman would hold his weekly meeting with newsmen late today.

Weather

Official Weather Bureau Forecast

Mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers today, tonight and Friday. Continued warm.

Temperature at 1:30 today 71. High and low last 24 hours... 71-59.

Steady rain today... 71-59.

Partly sunny tomorrow... 71-59.

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Womping Digs Out From Heavy May Blizzard

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — (AP) — Womping dug out today from a May blizzard that spread badly-needed moisture throughout the eastern Rocky Mountain region.

Casper had seventeen inches of wet, sticky snow in two days. The temperature of 30 was recorded at Big Piney.