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## SENATE MEETS FOR A SHOWDOWN

### U. S. Opens Court War Against Music Boss Petrillo AS POINT TO MARITIME AGREEMENT

#### Good Chance Is Seen For Settlement Of Dispute

#### Strike Is Set For Tomorrow Night

By STERLING F. GREEN  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Capt. Granville Conway of the War Shipping Administration indicated today that negotiations for an agreement to avert the maritime strike have been reduced to a matter of wording.

"There is a dispute over the wording of four or five things," Conway told reporters as signs pointed generally to agreement on major issues.

CIO President Philip Murray spoke likewise. "Some issues need further clarification."

These developments followed the statement by a Government spokesman that "there is a good chance" for settlement today. The all-coast maritime strike is set to start tomorrow night.

The conciliator made this statement to a reporter privately after a joint session of East and West Coast operators and union leaders representing the CIO-dominated Committee for Maritime Unity.

CIO President Philip Murray and CIO General Counsel Lee Pressman sat in on the meeting, held at the Labor Department.

Assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson, handling the negotiations for the Government, was asked whether "everything is buttoned up yet" on a settlement.

"When it's buttoned up, we'll announce it," Gibson replied.

One of the union leaders, asking that his name not be used, told reporters:

"The Government's proposal has neither been accepted nor rejected by the unions, because we do not know yet what its final form will be."

The conciliator who said "there is a good chance" for a settlement during the day, added that the CIO National Maritime Union, Marine Action in the CIO, had not formally approved a WSA proposal to put into effect a one-hour work for seamen and a wage increase of \$17.50 a month.

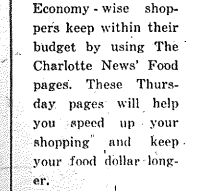
"They haven't accepted anything yet but they've indicated their willingness to accept," he added.

Chairman A. B. Kelley, Democratic Pennsylvania, of the House Labor Subcommittee investigating the dispute, expressed belief that a settlement definitely would be reached before the deadline.

Kelley added that he expected an agreement to be reached sometime today.

He told a reporter that he based

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#### Government Moves

### Violation Of Lea Labor Act Laid To Union Leader

CHICAGO (AP)—The Government opened its expected court fight with James C. Petrillo today by formally charging him with violating the Lea Labor Act.

Petrillo, President of the AFL American Federation of Musicians, was charged in a criminal information filed in Federal court by U. S. District Attorney J. Albert Woll.

Petrillo, who was accused of calling a strike of three studio librarians at radio station WAAB in an effort to "coerce, compel and constrain" the station to double the number of some employees, expected prosecution. He said in calling the strike, he was ready to take a test of the law's constitutionality to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The Lea Law, sometimes called the Anti-Petrillo Law, provides on conviction one year imprisonment or \$10,000 fine or both.

Woll said a summons would be issued for Petrillo, instead of a warrant. The summons directs the musician boss to appear in Federal district court in Chicago before

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#### Italian Situation

### Umberto Leaves Italy For Exile

ROME (AP)—The Royal Palace announced today that King Umberto had left Italy for exile in Portugal.

A spokesman at the Quirinale Palace press office said the King's four-enchained Savoia Marchetti plane, which took off from the Campino Airport, would go "direct to Lisbon."

Thus the King ended his three-day struggle with the Cabinet over whether a republic triumphed in a plebiscite ten days ago.

Earlier in the day, it had been reported that the King would go to his estate near Pisa to await the Supreme Court's ruling on Plebiscite irregularities which, he contended, made the court's announcement of a Republic victory "indefinite." But the finality of the fearful farewells at the airport indicated even before the official announcement that he was leaving Italian soil.

King for a month and a day. Umberto wore a gray business suit and a gray hat. Several small groups gathered about his plane. The King visited them all, shaking hands or kissing individuals on the cheek.

AP Photographer Walter Green was the last to shake the retiring King's hand as he entered the plane.

As the King neared each group of Italian military personnel, they came to a smart salute and the King offered his hand and shook hands. Green said:

"There was a crowd of people in King's background cheering the King, and it kept increasing until it numbered 300 or 400. When it got pretty big, American military policemen came along and dispersed it. There was no disorder."



MARITIME UNION CHIEFS CONFER WITH CIO PRESIDENT—Three representatives of the Maritime unions conferred with CIO President Philip Murray to "acquaint him with the latest developments in maritime negotiations to secure a peaceful settlement of the issues involved in the scheduled June

#### Committee Shies From Court Probe

#### No Jurisdiction In Feud Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Judiciary Committee decided today it does not have sufficient evidence to take any action in the Supreme Court controversy involving Justices Robert H. Jackson and Hugo L. Black.

Chairman Hatton W. Summers, Democrat, Texas, told reporters at the end of the closed meeting that there is "no determination as to the moment to conduct an investigation."

Summers said Jackson's criticism of Black, cabled to the committee Monday from Nuremberg, Germany, was discussed at length but the consensus was that the committee had no jurisdiction in the matter.

"There may be something shaping up," he added, but said nothing received thus far indicates committee jurisdiction.

Summers explained that the committee's action is limited to studying or recommending legislation and to matters dealing with impeachment. But, he emphasized that there was nothing in the case to indicate the need for impeachment proceedings.

FEAR TO MOVE  
The committee remains free to take action or recommend action later, the chairman said. If any evidence should indicate the need, even before the meeting, Summers was on record as favoring a slow attitude.

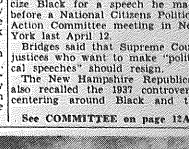
Summers' position in support of a hands-off attitude for the present was echoed in stronger words by his opposite number in the Senate when Chairman McCarran, Democrat, Nevada, of that chamber's Judiciary Committee pleaded with his colleagues to "reserve judgment in this trying moment."

McCarran's appeal was voiced after Senator Bridges, Republican, New Hampshire, interrupted Senate debate on OPA legislation to criticize Black for a speech he made before a National Citizens Political Action Committee meeting in New York last April 12.

Bridges said that Supreme Court justices who want to make "political speeches" should resign.

The New Hampshire Republican also recalled the 1937 controversy centering around Black and

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Under the OPA order, restaurants may raise their prices for any meal, individual food item or beverage. If the major ingredient is exempt from price control at all other sales levels.

For example, if meat entrees are discontinued, a restaurant may charge only under-stuffed steaks.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—An autopsy ordered today to determine whether a comely brunette was dead at the time her scantily-clad body hurtled from a ninth floor hotel window early this morning.

Forty-five minutes before her male companion plunged to his death from the same window.

The woman's body, clothed only in pink panties, struck the second floor roof of the Lafayette Hotel shortly after midnight. Her companion, a man, was found lying himself in the room and spurning pleas of police that he come out the "rice to save the nation" campaign.

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TOKYO (AP)—Japan may be forced to use for the next three months to a two months' supply of food, Premier Shigen Yoshida's new Cabinet announced today as it took strong measures to ease the crisis.

Ordering creation of people's local committees to insure deliveries from farms to consumers, the Cabinet also closed all first-class bars and restaurants to conserve scanty food stocks.

A Cabinet announcement said schools might adopt longer vacations and cities might be evacuated to ease the "rice to save the nation" campaign.

#### 'Good Bye, Good Luck' From Truman

### Byrnes Off For Paris And A Showdown With Russians

WASHINGTON (AP)—With a "good-by, good luck" from President Truman, Secretary of State Byrnes left today for Paris and a showdown with Russia on European peace settlements.

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#### Proposal To Strip Agency Of Most Of Power Fails

#### Consumer-Labor Body Asks Veto

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate killed today a proposal to strip OPA immediately of almost all its price controls except those over rents and minerals.

The action, by roll call vote of 51 to 21, came in rejecting an amendment by Senator Elmer Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, to the OPA extension bill.

Thomas' proposal specified that price controls be lifted from "timber, petroleum, cotton, milk, livestock including sheep and wool, tobacco, poultry, fish and shellfish, grain, peanuts, fruits and vegetables, or any product processed in whole or substantial part therefrom."

A conference claiming to represent 40,000 members of consumer and labor organizations voted meanwhile to ask President Truman to veto the OPA legislation now taking shape in Congress.

The group coupled with that decision a recommendation that Congress follow up a veto by:

1. Adopting a resolution condemning the OPA as a "monopoly control law without change";

2. Approving without change the OPA as amended by the House, as recommended by the Budget Bureau.

The conference was called by the emergency committee for price control with which 33 national organizations are affiliated. It met in the Senate Banking Committee room as the Senate itself resumed work on an OPA extension bill with leaders lining for a final vote before the day's end.

WAGNER SPEAKS  
Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, who addressed the group, was asked by Clifford T. McVay, United Electrical Workers CIO spokesman, if he agreed that the President should veto the prospective OPA legislation.

Wagner replied that he was one who "never gives up hope" and that he would not express his opinion on the OPA extension bill until he heard the President's action on OPA.

Working Richter, legislative representative of International Automobile Workers (CIO), told Wagner he should tell the Senate its votes on OPA "are doing more to promote strikes than anything else."

"Our people," Richter said, "sincerely by and see prices go way up."

Before the Senate convened for a showdown on OPA extension, Democratic Leader Barkley, Kentucky, told reporters he thought a veto would be a "coming within a very few hours."

The death of Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, halted a drive to pass the bill last night.

One important change was written into the bill yesterday, the second day of Senate debate.

TAFT PLAN APPROVED  
By a roll call vote of 44 to 29, the Senate approved an amendment by Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, instructing OPA that manufacturers' ceilings must reflect their prices in Oct. 1-15, 1941, base period, plus the average unit cost increase in the industry since then.

The Senate bill provides for a one-year extension of price control past June 30, but leaves the price administrator's authority to a considerable degree.

He would not be allowed to maintain price ceilings on farm products unless the Secretary of Agriculture certified they were in short supply. All price controls on meat, poultry and dairy products would end

DECONTROL BOARD  
A decontrol board could overrule the Administrator if he rejected a request for decontrol.

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WEATHER  
Fairly cloudy and comfortable, rather warm and humid today, tonight and Friday; with widely scattered showers and evening thunder showers.

Temperature at 3:30 today: 82 High and low last 24 hours: 82-64. Wind: light S. Sea: 1-2 ft. Sunshine today: 144 minutes.

#### Spanish Case Undecided

NEW YORK (AP)—Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko today expressed complete disagreement with a compromise plan for the United Nations Security Council to refer the Spanish question to the General Assembly but did not at this point invoke his power of veto.

The Council adjourned until Monday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. EDT, with the Spanish question still undecided.

ANOTHER SOLUTION NEEDED  
Gromyko's stand against the compromise plan as well as a bitter attack on the conditions of the sub-committee which investigated Spain made it certain that the delegates would have to arrive at another solution if the Spanish question is to be solved on the Council or sent forward to the assembly.

Gromyko, who held the floor for an hour, condemned the compromise plan as a "dangerous" precedent which would set a precedent for the Council has "evaded its duties."

The United States, Australia, France, Poland, China, Brazil and Egypt—a majority of the Council—backed the plan, which represents a modification of the sub-committee's report.

The sub-committee had recommended that the General Assembly call upon the United Nations to break relations with Spain if Franco said he is in power in September. Under the compromise plan favored by the majority, the general assembly would be authorized to

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