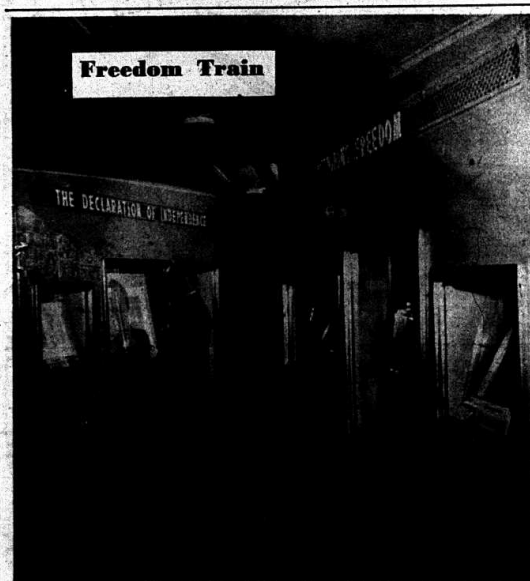


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## Wage Boost Demanded

## Cost Of Living Battle Set Off

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Although Senator Taft (R-Ohio) withheld comment until he had had a chance to study the legislation involved, other Republicans made it plain that two promised measures curbing the cost of living during the war and the allocation of funds to the war effort would be fought to the bitter end.

At the same time, the CIO announced that its unions will seek a "third round" of pay increases for 1948, a move described as "the most aggressive" yet by some Republicans but they said this development will complicate Congressional consideration of the war effort bill.

Some Democrats on the other hand took the view that it might speed action on Capitol Hill.

However, CIO President Philip Murray said in announcing the new campaign late yesterday that he and his lieutenants look for no action by Congress during the special session to keep prices down.

Monday morning, the white-belted union leader declared that:

"The CIO is determined to lighten the unbearable economic burden which has been imposed upon the people."

"To this end," the formal statement continued, "the CIO and its affiliated unions shall proceed through the process of collective bargaining to obtain substantial wage increases for the American workers to restore their lost purchasing power."

"In the face of the present level of prices for American industry, this objective can be achieved without any justifiable increase in prices."

Some of the 600,000 CIO members already have negotiated third round pay hikes and other unions are in the process.

Murray said he hopes it will not be "necessary" to have strikes to force the issue.

"While we are speaking, the CIO National Maritime Union, representing about 100,000 workers on men's and boys' garments effective Dec. 15. These workers received 12 cents in the fall of 1946, and 12-1/2 cents a year ago."

Generally, the postwar wage rise has been about 10-15 percent.

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## Death Toll 35 Since Yesterday

## Guns, Grenades, Knives Used

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arabs and Jews fought bloody street battles with machineguns, knives, grenades and fire in the no-man's land between Jaffa and Tel Aviv today in a resumption of Holy Land rioting over the decision to partition Palestine.

About 35 were counted dead on both sides, by unofficial estimates, in two days of communal warfare, throughout the country.

The Jews, unofficial reports said, lost about twelve dead and scores wounded since the Arabs called their three-day protest strike yesterday. Hebrew newspapers said 15 Arabs were slain today in three battles along the border between all-Jewish Tel Aviv and all-Arab Jaffa. Among the Jewish dead today was Moshe Newman, a commander of Haganah, the underground Jewish militia.

Another Jewish underground group, Irgun Zvai Leumi, warned Arabs in a radio broadcast "we shall take action against you if the attacks continue."

In New York, Secretary General Trygve Lie of the United Nations indicated the UN would maintain a hands-off policy in the current Palestine dispute. He said he had received a report from the UN mediator, Ralph B. Bunche, an American Negro formerly of the State Department, who is secretary to the five-nation commission which will supervise the partition of Palestine next month.

More reports to Palestine's Jews from New York said that the UN mediator, Ralph B. Bunche, is attempting to organize enlistments for a Holy War with the announced purpose of "driving the wolves" from Palestine.

A number of Hagana and Jewish police were killed and many Jews—a policeman and four Hagana-men—were wounded in the Tel Aviv area, these reports said. Two Arabs were shot and wounded in British troops in Jerusalem.

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## House Is Told Of Soviet Power

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Charlotte News Staff Writer

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An airplane proved the most effective means of public protection and the crisis was averted completely by warnings which householders received from a low-flying aircraft.

The Charlotte headquarters of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey was alerted. Without attempting to learn the reasons why this critical situation had been created, the knowledge and resourcefulness of Standard Oil executives succeeded in a high-speed effort to replace the gasoline with a number of endangered and unsuspecting motorists.

MISTAKE DISCOVERED

Here's the way the setting for possible large-scale tragedy developed: An inflammable fluid, described as gasoline, was sold in small quantities by Bishop's Filling Station, in the Catawba Community to "quite a number of persons." When this situation was discovered, the fluid did not have the appearance or smell of kerosene, this independent dealer noted the Standard Oil officials in Charlotte. Further sale, of course, was forbidden by the station operator.

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