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General Assembly Votes To Adjourn At 9 Tonight

15-MINUTE PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Lewis Asks Government To Close All But Two Mines

\$1,000,000 Outlay For Art Gallery Is Approved

Bill Provokes Long Debate

RALEIGH — (AP) — The Legislature passed today a resolution providing for final adjournment at 9 o'clock tonight after the House passed a Senate bill providing for a \$1,000,000 appropriation for the building of a State art gallery.

The bill provoked long debate at one juncture. Rep. Kerr of Warren said opponents were trying to kill the measure by trying to pass the adjournment resolution. He then temporarily delayed the resolution. Immediately after the House passed its second roll call reading, 40-42, it was read a third time without objection.

Then the adjournment resolution was passed. If any member had objected to the third reading, the measure possibly could have been amended. Had that been required to suspend the rules for final passage, the measure would have been amended. This reading is the only one in which a vote was not required, and the measure would have passed.

Before passing the bill, the House adopted, 45-43, an amendment requiring that the \$1,000,000 appropriation could not be made until all other 1947-48 allocations had been approved. This amendment would have delayed the gallery project until the end of the next biennium.

Other amendments were proposed. Dan Tompkins of Jackson, an architect, proposed that the gallery be located in the old State Capitol building. The state's contribution to the gallery will be matched by an unlimited amount of federal money.

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THE SCHLESINGERS, Tom and his father, Professor Arthur M. of Harvard, are shown in the midst of business. Tom, staff writer of The News, interviewed his father during Professor and Mrs. Schlesinger's two-day visit here.

Distinguished Historian

Author Defends Report On Press

(Tom Schlesinger, staff writer of The News received visitors yesterday—his parents, Professor and Mrs. Arthur M. Schlesinger, Professor Schlesinger, a member of the faculty of Harvard University, is one of the outstanding historians of the country. He and Mrs. Schlesinger stopped here to visit their son and his wife at their home, 2336 Ridgeway Drive, Tom, with pencil and note paper always handy, sat down and interviewed his father—Editors, The News.)

Prof. Arthur M. Schlesinger, one of the thirteen authors of the current highly controversial Freedom of the Press report, was not at all surprised at the many adverse comments it received in the newspapers of the nation.

Marines Die In Battle

TIENSTIN — (AP) — Chinese Communists looted and ambushed the main U. S. Marine command post in China today, killing five Marines and wounding 16 in a vicious battle that lasted more than four hours.

Six Communists were left dead on the field at Hsinho, 23 miles southwest of Tientsin. The Communists, estimated to total about 400, struck from three directions about 12:30 A. M. on the five-square-mile artillery ammunition depot area.

Leading pack rapidly, the Communists moved quickly into the depot area and heeded an undisciplined number of shells onto the animals and began to retreat after detonating a portion of the dump.

These explosions were believed to have caused most of the Marine deaths. The guard company was commanded by Capt. Emil Reid of Hightstown, N. J.

Truman Will Speak Tonight

WASHINGTON — (AP)—President Truman kept his calling list free of appointments today to complete work on his first political speech tonight when the Republicans took over Congress. It will be at 10:30.

Wants Pits Shut Until Check Made

Safety Of Mines Questioned

WASHINGTON — (AP) — John L. Lewis today moved to extend the soft coal mining shutdown indefinitely by calling on the Government to close all but two of the 2,531 mines as unsafe.

The soft coal mines have been idle since Tuesday in conformity with Lewis' instructions to his miners to observe a six-day mourning period in memory of the 1946 Pittsfield, Ill., mine disaster which killed 111 men. This time is due to end at midnight tomorrow.

Lewis in a letter to Coal Mines Administrator N. H. Colson, asked that the mines stay closed until Federal mine inspectors and certified independent inspectors had made a safety check. Lewis noted a government report which said that only two mines fully met the code.

Mines Identified

The Interior Department identified the two mines as the Stansbury and the Resolute. No. 101, at Resolute, Wyo. Both are owned by the Union Pacific Coal Co.

There was no immediate comment from either the coal mines administration or the Department of Interior. He parent company, Lewis has accused Secretary of Interior King of "criminal negligence" in connection with the Centralia two-day demand that he be ousted from the Cabinet.

Colson was reported to have received Lewis' letter about 1 P. M. and immediately took it to King's office.

Thursday the Coal Mines Administration ordered that all coal mines' remain closed as unsafe.

This left uncertain the number of miners who will return to work Monday after the six-day mourning period ordered by Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers' U. M. W.

Lewis testified before a Congressional committee the same day that the coal mines' remain closed as unsafe.

Lewis told Colson: "I am setting up behind the mine workers of the United States, whose lives are endangered. I want the Bureau of Mines, in which I have no confidence, to investigate all violations of the Federal Mine Safety Code."

On Thursday Colson sent Lewis a list of the 518 mines ordered to be closed. Lewis said he would ask Lewis to submit "the names and locations of any other mine which he requires the Bureau of America considers to be so hazardous as to require closing until the two arguments above have been accomplished."

The companies have held out for a company-wide settlement. The talks between the unions and the companies began last January. Directly involved in the threatened walkout are about 27,000 of the country's 350,000 unionized telephone workers.

Other thousands of union telephone workers, not striking themselves, could help the strikers by refusing to go to work through picket lines. The workers, mainly women, include operators, maintenance men, and so on.

If Strike Takes Place

Local Telephone Workers Ready To Leave Jobs

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Writer

Between 600 and 1,000 Southern Bell employees in Charlotte will stay away from their jobs Monday if the strike of the National Federation of Telephone Workers is started on schedule.

Efforts at conciliation were being continued in Washington today and both local management and union officials apparently were holding out little hope that the strike order would be rescinded before the 6 A. M. Monday deadline.

If no instructions to the contrary arrive here by that time, members of Charlotte Local 803 Southern Federation of Telephone Workers will leave their jobs or not show up at their jobs—and will work picket lines.

Picket lines are expected to be established in front of the main Southern Bell building on N. Caldwell St. and in front of the local headquarters office building at 118 S. Church St. and the records office.

Condition To U. S. Aid

Russel Proposes New Greek Vote

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Russel, Democrat, Georgia, proposed today that Congress require a new vote by the Greek people on their form of Government as a condition to American aid, despite a Senate Foreign Relations Committee report that such a move would violate the spirit of the Greek-Turkey assistance program.

Russel said a reporter he does not believe either Greece or Turkey has a democratic government. He added that the aid program should be required for what is known as a "stop Russian assistance."

"I'm being realistic about this," Russel said. "The one thing that I want to help democracy in Greece and Turkey, because I don't believe the people have it here. But I'm for helping democracy in the United States. It is that I will try to help arm the Turks against any possible enemy—Russia."

Russel's plea for a new Greek plebiscite collided with committee recommendations in its report on the \$400,000,000 assistance bill, approved previously by a 13 to 0 vote.

The committee is convinced the United States does not intend to interfere in the affairs of Greece or Turkey. It said further that if the people of those countries once feel secure politically and economically, they will decide to "continue along the road to democracy down which they have already made great progress."

The committee agrees that present representatives of our government to bring about a change of government in either Greece or Turkey would be an infringement of sovereignty entirely foreign to the purpose and spirit of the program.

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Continuous Talks Held In Effort To Block Strike

'No Break' Yet In 'Grave' Situation

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Labor Department officials, conceding the situation looked "grave," began "continuous" meetings with top industry and union officials today in a last minute drive to head off a nationwide telephone strike Monday.

Government officials still hoped to bring about a settlement of the dispute without resort to possible Government seizure of the industry.

LONG DISTANCE PHASE
William Marjolia, U. S. conciliator working on the long distance service began the negotiations, told members both sides will be kept in almost continuous session from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. Monday, less than 48 hours away.

The only thing that could stop continuous meetings now would be a settlement. "Marjolia has not had any meetings of differences need to be resolved, but indicated the companies and unions are near agreement on a few minor issues."

John W. Gibson, Assistant Secretary of Labor, told reporters he had been in contact with the union men in the Bell System but the unions, those include Joseph E. Rauh, president of the International Federation of Telephone Workers (Independent), and G. P. Craig, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

"After seeing Craig, Gibson would only say there had been 'no break' in the situation. He added he could see any 'bright line' in the negotiations, Gibson replied."

NO U. S. FEDERAL
He said the Government as yet had made no proposal of its own. Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren and Gibson of Labor still were in contact with the union men when they brought off a settlement 25 minutes before a nationwide walkout of telephone workers was due to begin.

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Wind Storm Kills Four

Red Cross Told to Dead

WISTER, Oklahoma — (AP)—An Oklahoma wind storm killed four people and injured many others in the Okfuskee community today. The frame house of George Vaughn in Okfuskee was blown down during the storm, killing four members of the family and shaking up three others.

The Red Cross told the dead as George and Nance Vaughn, husband and wife, their brother Andrew Vaughn and Mrs. Jewel O. Reddick, daughter of Vaughn's. No ages were given.

Shaken up were Mrs. Overholt's husband Cecil, their eight year old son, Orlan, and their five year old daughter, a friend of the Overholts, all of McAlester, Okla. They were visiting the Overholts during the Easter week-end. They are all in the Peterau hospital.

Letford County Undersecretary Bryan Cobler said that a number of houses in the area, which is in eastern Oklahoma, were blown down. Damage reported here to livestock and property was more than \$100,000. The storm also hit nearby Oklahoma, but no casualties were reported.

The storm was part of a heavy weather system which struck most of Oklahoma overnight.

The companies—
1. When you remember, so many telephone workers are women that you can't be sure that in other industries.

2. Making a pay of workers everywhere more equal would mean, not a 12% increase, but in some places an increase of as much as 25%.

Through the weeks of talks, this has been the companies' stand:

1. On everything but wages, let's keep talking to reach a settlement.

2. Let's turn the wage problem over to an arbitrator. (an outside firm) to settle the wage demands on the basis of wages paid in various communities for work similar to telephone work.

The unions—
Telephone workers are paid much less than workers in other industries and those are arbitrary proposals but were willing to arbitrate on a national basis.

49 UNIONS
The NFWW has 49 unions and claims a membership of 336,000. The other 49 unions, or all but 10, threatened the strike. They have a membership of 287,000.

(The contracts of those 39 have expired. Those of the other 10 will stay in effect some time. That's why it made no strike threat.)

But 10,000 members of the ten non-striking unions, according to NFWW workers, would not cross picket lines of the 39 unions' 297,000.

In unions not connected with NFWW about 50,000 workers have been making similar demands. So, besides the over 287,000 people ready to go out Monday, NFWW looked to the other 50,000 members of the other 49 unions. NFWW workers to join them.

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