

# THE CAROLINA NEWS

## Government Experts Say Curbing Plan Would Not Prevent Coal Strike

### Advise To Be Given Truman

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Government labor experts who have been analyzing the Taft-Hartley Bill will advise President Truman that the measure is "unworkable" and will not stop a coal strike.

This was learned today from officials who have seen the analysis, but who said that their names not be used.

There have been equally reliable reports, however, that some other President advisers are urging Mr. Truman to sign the measure.

This group is said to consist of (a) that the bill does give the Government some means of dealing with the threat of a new coal strike next month and (b) that Congress is "virtually certain to enact it into law in any event."

The labor experts are reported to be having considerable doubts about the measure. They say that the measure follows more the original version of the law, as proposed by Rep. Hartley, Republican, New Jersey, than what they called "the Taft-Hartley measure" as proposed by Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio.

REASONS CITED

Here are some of the specific reasons they cite as arguments for a veto:

1. The provision exempting work stoppages resulting from "abnormally dangerous conditions" would make it possible, in their opinion, for John L. Lewis to bring about a nationwide partial coal strike in mines which have become "unsafe" during the ten-day vacation the miners will take from July 1 to July 15.

Lewis staged a "safety shutdown" of soft coal mines early in April but later ordered the men back to work to accept the first of two new contracts.

2. "Yellow dogs" contracts could be revived under a section guaranteeing workers the right to self-organization or to refrain from organization. "Yellow dog" contracts are agreements made with individual workers pledging them not to join a union.

3. Industry-wide bargaining would be dealt a blow by the provision that workers must be in a contract dispute to be secretly accepting their individual employment contracts, as stated on the ballot.

The reasoning here is that if a substantial number of workers voted to accept their first contract, the union would have no basis left for continuing negotiations for a better deal.

4. A provision limiting payroll deduction for union dues in July 1, 1948, to workers who have submitted individual authorizations to the National Labor Relations Board for cancellation of contracts—such as the vital two-year agreement of the St. Louis-Baltimore.

The analysts say that while contracts may call for continued dues, the St. Louis-Baltimore held that when a major section of a contract is cancelled, the dues agreement may be re-opened.

5. Maintenance of union membership would be weakened by the provision holding that a union can force an employer to accept a new contract only if the employer has not paid dues of any kind.

6. The bill permits the National Labor Relations Board to make injunctions on the basis of unfair labor practice complaints filed by either union or employer without the formality of a board hearing on the complaint.

7. The analysts say this makes it too easy to take labor disputes into Federal court and through the rule the "Bugsboon of Government by injunction."

8. Foremen and other supervisory workers would lose their status as employees under the bill.

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## Auto Labor Scene Four Ford Plant Foremen Beaten

DETROIT—(AP)—Four non-striking Ford Motor Co. foremen were beaten on their way back to work and a new walkout hit the Continental Motor Corp. today to mar an otherwise brighter auto industry labor scene.

Both developments came on the heels of a settlement involving 16,000 strikers and a new wage agreement.

Dearborn police said the foremen were dragged from their car and assaulted by three carloads of men about 6:30 A. M. while en route to the Ford Rouge plant.

At Leonard Sikorski's car, there were at least twelve men in the three vehicles. They fled a few minutes before police arrived, he said, and none of them have been identified.

Continental Motors' 850 day shift workers set off picket lines this morning after 350 on the night shift, accused of a slowdown, were sent home early last night.

## Bid For Sympathy

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## Europan Economic Study Set

### Clayton Will Make Tour

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The State Department reported today that Undersecretary William L. Clayton will visit a number of European capitals soon to discuss Europe's problems with foreign officials.

Clayton's associates said, however, he had no special assignment from Secretary Marshall or President Truman to spur action abroad on Marshall's proposal for a joint European economic revival program.

One informant said Clayton expects to do considerably more listening than talking. Clayton expects to make a brief visit in his capacity as American representative on the European Economic Commission which meets in Geneva during July.

NO FIXED SCHEDULE

A State Department press official said Clayton had no fixed schedule for the visit.

The British Embassy already has opened talks with the State Department on Marshall's economic plan for the visit.

Diplomatic authorities who reported today said the European official are seeking clarification of a number of Marshall's suggestions before deciding whether to accept the plan.

The United States said it was not in a position to take any initiative in getting the European countries together.

LOOK TO BRITAIN

These authorities said the United States is looking to Britain to start the program rolling but has no intention of dictating what the next steps will be.

Marshall, in restating this country's desire to promote European recovery, said he was not in a position to dictate what the next steps will be.

Marshall has stressed clear that while they feel the Marshall program is a help, many American and other outside help may have to be given.

Benjamin V. Cohen, State Department counselor, said he expected to speak in London, Calif., yesterday that from \$150,000,000 to \$240,000,000.

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TRUMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN WAR DEAD—President Truman pays a tribute to the Canadian war dead at the foot of the World War I Memorial in Ottawa during his goodwill visit to Canada. Military units and civilians stand at attention and watch in silence. The President paid his tribute to the Canadian war dead after addressing Parliament. (AP Wirephoto).

## Canadian Visit Ends

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(AP)—President Truman, "happy to be home again," returned to the United States today from what he described as a "grand visit" in Canada.

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## Fifth Floor To Be Added To Firm's Building

### CPA Approval Is Announced

By MARTHA AZEE  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Plans for the addition of a fifth floor to its present building at 208 N. Caldwell St. at an estimated cost of \$273,000 were announced here today by the Southern Bell Telephone Co.

The announcement was made following approval of the construction by the Federal Housing Administration.

The construction will provide some 13,500 square feet of additional space, and will be of reinforced concrete with brick exterior, in keeping with the material used in the present four-story structure.

Mr. Alexander said the Southern Bell Telephone Co. has planned for quite some time to enlarge its Central Office Building. The additional space will enable the company to install dial systems equipment that will accommodate about 1,000,000 customers. This will be an important asset for Charlotte, which has been designated as a "major city" because of the shortage of equipment and space for additional dial equipment.

Mr. Alexander added that construction will get underway as soon as possible.

Another approval was granted here today to Title-Brown Co., one of Charlotte's leading contractors. The approval was for \$30,000, and covers the construction of a new building for the first-floor display window and to increase the office space on the second floor.

W. S. Tate said today that South-eastern Construction Co. has the contract for the job, and will begin work on the project in the immediate future.

All told, the Construction Branch of the Office of Housing Expediter has approved about \$1,000,000 in construction contracts for the city of Charlotte.

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