

Waterfront Workers Beginning Negotiations

Acceptance Seem Despire Criticisms

By GEORGE W. CORNELL NEW YORK — (AP) — Waterfront workers began voting today on whether they would accept agreements that would free most of the nation's merchant fleet from the grip of strikes...

There were isolated criticisms of the new peace pact. But at several port cities along the Eastern Seaboard, local leaders of the AFL, International Longshoremen's Association and last night's expected members to key the new contract formula in balloting today...

On the Pacific Coast, prospects also appeared good that 27,000 strikers would accept a new tentative agreement in voting today and tomorrow. Acceptance of both pacts would release some 500 strikebound ships and restore large segments of rail and industrial operations...

On both coasts, however, some friction arose concerning the proposed settlements. In New York, a meeting of 2,000 dockworkers and 2,000 longshoremen voted to support the terms and voted to support the new contract formula in balloting today...

Leaders of the meeting said the group came from Brooklyn union locals with 15,000 members. A delegation from Boston was quoted as saying his port and workers in Philadelphia and Baltimore did not favor the settlement. In Philadelphia, Paul Baker, union international vice-president, said a general membership vote would be held to endorse the new terms and to return to work Monday...

The East Coast agreement provides for a 10-cent hourly increase in the pay rate of \$1.75 hourly. It also provides for a 10-cent increase in the night and overtime rate of \$2.12 hourly. It also provides for improvements in job conditions. The East Coast dock workers' union rejected a negotiated agreement calling for a 10-cent raise on the basic rate...

On the West Coast, where 27,000 longshoremen have been on strike since the outbreak of the zone, some doubt that there would be complete maritime peace. Doubt was caused by demands by Harry Lundberg's AFL, Seattle's Union of the Pacific, which was not a part of the settlement but whose members were idled by the tie-up.

Local Man Wounded Unloaded Pistol

By DONALD MacDONALD Charlotte News Staff Writer A 45-year-old hotel night clerk who said he thought the pistol "had never been loaded" at City police he accidentally shot H. C. Sing, 1230 Kennon St. early today.

Mr. Sing's condition is serious. Memorial Hospital officials reported. The shooting took place about 2:30 A. M. in the lobby of the Traders Hotel, 333 W. Trade St. where R. B. Howard, 53, is employed as night clerk.

No charges had been filed today against Mr. Howard, and indications were that police would rule the shooting accidental. Sing, a painter, is suffering from possible spinal injuries from a bullet which passed completely through his upper chest. He was shot while standing in front of the office counter, talking with Howard.

The wounded man told Police Officers Henry Shaw and T. H. Cooper twice before an ambulance arrived that "it was an accident." He made the same statement at Memorial Hospital later to Officer L. B. Porter.

Police say the weapon was a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson pistol taken from a safe by the night clerk who told Sing, "I will show you some." George Albee, who was standing in the lobby at the time, told police that Howard went to the rear of the office and returned with a paper sack in his hand.

"Next thing I knew, I heard a shot," Albee said, "and Sing fell." He said that Howard took the pistol out of the bag for Sing to see, telling him that it had never been loaded and that it had been at the hotel for months.

When the clerk pointed the gun at Sing and pulled the trigger, a bullet struck Sing at close range, passing completely through his body and through the front door of the hotel. The bullet sailed across W. Trade St. the report from police said, and lodged in the wall of the Mecklenburg Hotel.

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State Fire Chiefs Meet Here Dec. 13

Legislation To Be Discussed Charlotte News Staff Writer Discussion of legislative proposals providing for occupational compensation for firemen suffering heart attack and other diseases will be held at a special meeting of the North Carolina Fire Chiefs Association here Dec. 13.

The special meeting was called by Chief Charles L. Burkett of Salisbury, president of the group. The meeting will be held at the Firemen's Hall on E. 7th St. at 2 P. M. Saturday in Charlotte. Chief Charles said that he had called a meeting of a special committee, headed by himself, of the North Carolina Firemen's Association. His group will meet at 9:30 A. M. the following day in Raleigh.

Chief Charles said his committee will then adjourn and meet with the fire chiefs for discussion of the organization's 1949 legislative program. Other matters expected to come before the special meeting concern workman's compensation protection for firemen injured, fire fighting outfits, and twelve miles from their original headquarters.

Chief Charles explained, compensation laws provide safety protection and an occupational disability within twelve miles of their station. Should a Gastonia fireman be injured while on an emergency call to Charlotte, for instance, he would not be eligible for compensation under the present law involving legislation removing this disability barrier will be held, he said.

Making fire trouble an occupational disease for the fire service will also come up for discussion at the special meeting. At present, it is included in the list of occupational diseases, and workman's compensation cannot be drawn by firemen suffering such ailments.

Also slated for study is possibility of making fire fighting an occupational disease for firefighters in the state. The fire chief pointed out the greater exposure hazardous by firemen handling volumes of water in treating temperatures.

Chief Charles said that the fire chief's organization will probably approve the plan, pending Chief Charles' own meeting. Chief Charles' resignation recently, which covers this area, will be allowed in Charlotte. Chief Charles' resignation recently, which covers this area, will be allowed in Charlotte.

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North Carolina-Oklahoma Seen As Contenders In Sugar Bowl

By FURMAN BISHOP Charlotte News Sports Writer CHARLOTTEVILLE — The University of North Carolina will meet the University of Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day, providing both teams win today.

The information leaked out by the Southeastern Conference leadership with Mississippi and Georgia, was not entirely ruled out of official consideration, another Oklahoma has lost once this season in nine starts, that to Santa Clara.

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Dragon Claims Klan Cleared

ATLANTA — (AP) — The Grand Dragon of the White Citizens' Council today the rebel empire had been cleared in the killing last week of a Toombs County Negro.

Klan Chief Dr. Samuel Green said he received "five or six statements" including one from Toombs County Sheriff J. W. Robertson, Gov. Herman Tamm's yesterday said "startling" developments were expected this week by Robert Hall, 28-year-old Negro, but so far no state or local police agency has been notified.

Mallard was slain last Saturday. His wife and several other Negroes said they were ambushed by armed men who killed Mallard with a single bullet. The shooting was the same as STAMEN'S PUBLISHED. Meanwhile, the Atlanta Journal published five statements which it said were given to the paper by its correspondent at Vidalia, Ga., in the presence of the local Klan Kluge.

They purportedly were signed by Sheriff Gray, Lyons Police Chief T. L. Graham, Lyons Police Chief W. M. Bowen, and a man named M. S. Osborne, Sgt. J. W. Robertson of the highway patrol was quoted in another report by the Kluge. Capt. Delmar Jones, head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, said he would act immediately if he learned why an officer would report to the Klan first.

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The statement as carried by the Journal said Mallard came to the door of the church last Saturday night and disturbed worship by knocking loudly and demanding removal of cars blocking the road.

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Assembly Charges Red Rebels Aided Resolution Voted By Big Majority

PARIS — (AP) — The United Nations Assembly condemned Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria today for aiding the Communist guerrillas in Greece.

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The vote came after the United States had asked her neighbors to abandon use of "coercion, force and terrorism" in spreading Communism. The four-power resolution condemned the work of the U. S. Special Committee On The Balkans (UNSCOB) whose investigation reports disclosed Communist neighbors for their roles in the Greek civil war. The committee also urged a year-end cease-fire in scoring in every period to wallop Kassaros.

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'Spartan Economy' Promised On Budget

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.), the prospective chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said today Congress will promise a "Spartan economy" on the Government budget.

Link With Ga. Slaying Denied

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China War Rages Over Yast Area

NANKING — (AP) — The battle of the Yast area in the Chinese capital of Nanking spread today over a 100 mile radius south of Sochow.

Greek leader Clings to Life

ATHENS — (AP) — Charalios Prentiss, the Greek leader who is clinging grimly to a thread of life today, seven hours after doctors abandoned all hope for him.

Hoops Don't Bother Atlanta Man On Toot

ATLANTA — (AP) — Aaron D. Richards, 27, apparently doesn't mind the hoop-banging of his Atlanta Police early today in his stalled automobile. He was arrested in a traffic violation on Monday.

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