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## Thurmond Cries South 'Stabbed In The Back'

### Says Dixiecrats Not In Revolt

JACKSON, Miss. — (AP) — Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina declared today that President Truman has "stabbed" the South "in the back" and asserted that the National Democratic Party would lose the Solid South unless it deserts the President's civil rights program.

Gov. Thurmond, keynoter of a convention of state rightists, opening here today, urged each state to warn the national party convention "that that state will not be bound to support the nominees" "if the nominees or the party itself should advocate the so-called Federal civil rights program."

"If we do that," he said, "no one will be able to say that we are bailing out or breaking faith with the party if our people shall subsequently cast their electoral votes for others than such nominees."

**NOT IN REVOLT**

The South, he said, is not in revolt against the Democratic Party. It is "in revolt against the president," he said, "and the Democratic Party which has repudiated the historic principle upon which the party was founded and has abandoned the leadership of the South."

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## Rail Figures Leave White House



W. T. Farley, spokesman for railroad operators, gestures at left as he tells a reporter 15 1/2 cents per hour is final offer to railroad workers after conference at White House with President Truman Saturday on threatened rail strike which has been set for tomorrow. At right Grand Chief Engineer Alvaney Johnston is noncommittal as he talks a cab at close of the conference with Truman. With Johnston is David E. Robertson (left), chief of the firemen, and Alfred J. Glover, switchmen's chief. (AP Wirephotos.)

## Defense Bill Is Accepted

\*WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman Murray (D-Id.) today announced general acceptance by the Senate Armed Services Committee of most provisions of a bill to combine a temporary draft and a military training program.

Gurney told reporters he expects the bill to be completed tomorrow.

The measure as it stands authorizes a two-year draft of men 18 through 25 and a year's military training for 16- and 17-year-olds.

Most veterans would be exempt from the draft.

Gurney emphasized that all of these provisions are subject to change before the final committee bill, but he said there is little chance of change.

He added that the group has "about three more things" to decide, including an amendment by Senator Russell (D-Or.) to require industrial plants to accept war production orders.

Gurney said that when the vote has been taken, it will be introduced in the Senate as a committee bill. It is slated for early action.

The chairman said the section dealing with doctors will assure that no community will be "denuded" of physicians.

## Clear Way To Jerusalem

### Jews Chase Arabs From Vital Road

By CARL E. DAVIDSON

JERUSALEM — (AP) — Two Hagannah brigades drove the Arabs off the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem supply route today and carried the raging fight into the mountain hills.

The road itself, though still shrouded in Arab gunfire, is safe. The Hagannah fighters scored their success at Bab el Wad, ten miles west of Jerusalem.

This reporter and three other newsmen walked through the mountain pass today, though the fighting came from all four sides of it and occasional stray bullets whined about.

Inside the deep gorge through which the macadam road winds, we saw the Arabs in the hills. They were firing at us, but we were not hit. Hagannah fighters were seen in the hills, but we were not hit.

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## Murray Hits At Business

ATLANTIC CITY — (AP) — Today President Philip Murray said that American business is practicing "commercial piracy, jackknifing and racketeering."

"There is too much extortion being practiced by American business," he said, "and more people suffering in the first years of Arab stone-throwing across the road and refused to go on."

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## Beer Leader Says Drys Gain Ground

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — (AP) — Prohibitionists have been concentrating on local option campaigns and winning "more dry territory" in the United States now than there was before prohibition, according to an official of the National Beer Manufacturers Association.

Ralph T. Kuttering of Chicago, director of the association's anti-dry campaign, said the "dry" had been winning three out of five in recent local option campaigns in the beer dealers' association.

The beer dealers' association opens its Region One convention today in Atlantic City.

## Negro In Georgia Race For Senate

MACON, Ga. — (AP) — For the first time since Reconstruction a Negro has appeared as a candidate for a major political office in the South.

The candidate is Larkin Marshall, Negro publisher of The Marion County News, who was nominated by the Georgia Wallace-for-President campaign Saturday to run for the U. S. Senate.

## Featured In Today's News

### Special Chamber Of Commerce Section

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and its expanded program for the continued development of Charlotte are featured today in a special section of The News.

Section III is devoted exclusively to news stories, pictures and advertising which emphasize the vital role of the Chamber of Commerce plays in the life of the city. The section is timed to coincide with the Chamber of Commerce membership campaign which begins today.

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## Tampering Hinted In Train Wreck

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — (AP) — The Reading Railroad and the Montgomery County district attorney today charged that a "train wreck" in Philadelphia was wrecked "in the last night in which two crewmen were killed."

The Reading company passenger train, en route from Allentown to Philadelphia, was wrecked at the George Washington Memorial Chapel in historic Valley Forge Park.

## Air, Bus Lines Set For Extra Passengers

### Local Situation Still Quiet

By RALPH GIBSON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte's rail and bus transportation centers were quiet this morning as the time for the impending rail strike drew closer, but commercial air lines' business was picked up.

There was no last-minute rush at the railway stations and the bus lines. Eastern Air Lines, however, reported that reservation clerks have been kept busy answering telephone requests for space on tomorrow's out-of-town flights.

The bus and air lines have adopted a "watch and wait" policy, as transportation centers were quiet this morning as the time for the impending rail strike drew closer, but commercial air lines' business was picked up.

## Roads Put Under Army Jurisdiction

WASHINGTON — AP — President Truman seized the railroads and put them under the Army today to avert the "tragedy" of a strike he said would hurt the whole world as well as the United States.

Hours after he acted, the three big railroad brotherhoods which had called a walkout for 6 A. M. (local railrovertime) tomorrow were still debating whether to go through with it anyhow.

There were growing signs, however, that a strike probably had been headed off.

Alvaney Johnston, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said there would certainly be no strike if the government got a court order against one. Some railroads were tentatively making plans to go ahead with operations.

Seizure of the roads opened the way for the government to seek an anti-strike order, if it decided one was advisable.

The President signed a seizure order two minutes before 1 P. M. in an effort to bar a strike. The order places operation of the trains under direction of the U. S. Army.

Mr. Truman appealed to all railroad workers to stay on their jobs. "I call upon every railroad worker to cooperate with the government by remaining on duty," the seizure statement said.

## Would Cripple City

### New York Fears Effects Of Strike

NEW YORK — (AP) — The New York metropolitan area, its lifelines of manpower and supply threatened by the impending railroad strike, today was mobilizing what emergency transportation it could find.

## Trucks Will Deliver Mail To Near Spots

Preparations are now being made for delivery of mail by motor truck lines in event the railroad strike comes off, Postmaster George E. Wilson Jr. said today.

Already the pinch of the scheduled rail shutouts tomorrow was being felt here, with prices of many perishable foods skyrocketing. Some fresh vegetables were reported sold at double their former wholesale prices.

Major William O'Dwyer said the city faced "one of the worst food shortages in history."

Industries scrambled to lay in stocks of raw materials before a rail stoppage cut off supplies.

New York's port, the world's largest, appeared certain to have a pile-up of incoming cargoes, while many outbound ships would have to leave nearly empty, if the strike came off.

**MAY STYMIE WORKERS**

The city also faced a major problem in manpower transportation.

Means were being sought to keep the city's bus lines running, commuters, who ride the rails to and from the metropolitan area daily.

A special "speed up" schedule was ordered put into effect on the New York city subway system if the strike occurs.

Such a schedule, it was hoped, would help take care of the extra commuters who would have to manage to reach city outskirts by bus or automobile.

Some business firms reserved hotel rooms for their out-of-town employees.

If the rail tie-up materializes, the first line to be hit in the nation will be the Long Island Railroad here. It carries more than 300,000 commuters daily.

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Thomas J. Harkins, assistant general manager of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said the engineers, firemen and switchmen would not work on the Long Island Railroad at 5 A. M. (EST) instead of 6 A. M. (EST).

Levey is Army Chief of Transportation.

Foran asked in a statement for co-operation of labor, management and the public.

Nothing was available for the time being from Army Department officials on just how the "Army Operation" would be carried out.

Army spokesmen said they were not asked because of a strike, leading officials of the railroads were given a "last-minute" ultimatum to go ahead with their usual operations. The strike was in effect mostly a bookkeeping operation.

Frederick Steieman will continue his efforts to settle the dispute, despite the seizure order. Railroad management officials continued talks with Steieman while the union chiefs went to confer with their strike committees.

## U. S. Gets Taste Of Strike Chaos

CHICAGO — (AP) — The nation was getting a foretaste today of what the threatened rail strike would mean in unemployment, high prices and privation even as the Government moved to take over the railroads.

Eighty-eight major railroads stopped accepting perishable freight shipments, including those involving cattle, poultry, meat, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Fruit and vegetable growers in California, Texas and Florida said that if the strike, scheduled to start at 6 A. M. (EST) tomorrow, prolonged their losses would run into the millions of dollars. Industries with a heavy reliance on railroads for out-of-town shipments already had been forced to shut down in the absence of coal cars.

**LAY OFF FARM WORKERS**

In California, about 10,000 agricultural workers already have been laid off and shipments of celery and lettuce halted by embargoes. Growers estimated their losses at \$300,000 a day. Carrots, asparagus, broccoli, cherries and artichokes also are being harvested.

The executive manager of the Texas Cattle, Vegetable Shipments & Growers Association estimated the daily loss to its members at \$25,000 to \$50,000 a day.

Fresh fruit shipping also was at a virtual standstill in Florida, with canning operations being curtailed.

The Bethlehem Steel Co. announced that if the strike is not averted it will suspend operations immediately and lay off its 14,000 employees. The automobile industry indicated it also would be forced to shut down soon because of a lack of storage space for assembled cars.

Maintenance of food supplies to cities if current stocks should become exhausted was considered far beyond the capacity of all trucks that could be mobilized.