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CHARLOTTEANS DEBATE CASH Congress Gets Bill To Repeal Taft-Hartley Law

6 Firemen Overcome By Smoke Conflagration Under Control

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Thirteen persons—nine of them women workers—escaped serious injury today when roaring flames swept through the downtown headquarters of Wright's Mill Remnants Co., 316 E. Trade Street.

Two of the women were treated for shock after they were rescued from the second floor of the three-story building.

Mrs. Myrtle Price, 413 Bradford Drive, worker in the second floor drapery department, was taken to Memorial Hospital but was released after first aid treatment.

Others who received slight injuries included Florence G. Beck, slight face burns; Leonard Reid, Negro, 928 E. 8th St., cut on hand when he broke a second-floor window; and Mrs. Geraldine Coley, 928 E. 8th St., severe shock.

No estimate of property damage to Wright's Mill Remnants Co. could be obtained at 7 P. M. today.

Firemen on four engines and two ladder trucks were still at work on the structure although the danger of more loss was past or early afternoon.

The decorative fabric company building is in a three-story building which is owned by Jack Heath of Heath Motor Co.

Flames, which resulted from spontaneous combustion, began in the basement shortly after 10 o'clock, then swept through an elevator shaft in the rear of the building.

Workers in the building at the time of the fire, besides the slightly injured, included:

- Mrs. Pearl Adams, 211 Rainey Ave., bookkeeper, and stenographer.
- Mrs. Frank Wright, 4838 Meander Road, and her husband, co-operator with W. T. Wright, of the decorative fabrics concern.
- Mrs. Fobey Miller, 4860 Commonwealth Ave., drapery department worker.
- Mrs. M. S. Seabolt, Route 3, Charlotte, drapery department worker.
- Mrs. Ruth Williams, Beaumont Ave., second floor drapery department worker.
- Mrs. Helen Stiple, 1457 Shuman Ave., saleswoman in the first floor office.
- Mrs. Grace Loftland, 725 Hawthorne Lane, in the third floor upholstery department.
- Jack Little, Pecan Ave., a salesman.

Six firemen, overcome by fierce smoke fumes, were treated by Charlotte's Red Cross first aid crew members. These included:

- I. E. Duncan, W. W. Timmie, D. Warner, J. Collins, R. W. Wenz, and J. B. Collins, who were taken to Memorial Hospital.

Four persons were trapped on the second floor when the two-alarm fire was answered by 50 to 75 firemen in six companies.



This front view of the Wright's Mill Remnants Co. building, at 316 E. Trade St., shows the flame-gutted building as firemen reach the upper stories by ladder in efforts to knock down the stubborn blaze. The dense smoke billowed from the windows and top of the building, hampering the work of the 50 or more firemen.

FLEES THROUGH FLAMES

Mrs. Loftland, alone on the stairs, rushed down the stairs through heavy smoke to reach the second. She escaped, with the four others, down ladders thrown up by firemen.

Mrs. Miller, attempting to flee downstairs from the second floor, was met by a wall of flames and forced back upstairs. She



Fireman L. L. Black, wearing an air mask and carrying the Scout air pack, is preparing to mount the 50-foot ladder leading to the upper floors of the burning Wright building to ascertain whether any of the employees were trapped inside. Lt. A. L. Yates (left) of the Charlotte Fire Saving Crew has just finished adjusting the equipment, with Bill Anderson (center) assisting him. An unidentified fireman steadies the tall ladder.

SMOKE-EATERS BATTLE A FIRE

UPHOLSTERY SLIP COVERS DRAPERIES CURTAINS SUPPLIES

WANTED DINNERWARE NO CASH FREE NO

Wagner Act Would Be Restored New Emergency Machinery Asked

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The Administration today asked Congress to enact a new labor law stripped of the court injunction provisions which have brought such vigorous protests from organized labor.

The "one-joint" labor bill sent to the Senate Labor Committee would repeal the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law and restore the old Wagner Labor Relations Act with "improvements" asked by President Truman.

Secretary of Labor Tobin is due to go before the committee Monday to explain provisions of the new measure, which was released to reporters by the committee today without comment.

Under the Taft-Hartley Law, the Government has had authority to obtain court orders to bar strikes if the national welfare is thereby imperiled.

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Five Nations Form 'Council of Europe'

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Foreign ministers of the five Brussels alliance states have agreed to set up a "Council of Europe" with a fledgling cabinet and an advisory parliament.

Details are to be worked out by a permanent commission of five nations—Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Other European countries will be asked to help establish the council, with the first invitation expected to go to Italy.

The Council of Europe will be divided into two sections: a ministerial committee, which will be a kind of cabinet with limited powers, and a consultative assembly, which would be in the form of a parliament but with only advisory authority.

Agreement on establishment of the council was announced yesterday in London, Washington officials hailed the development and pointed out that provision of European unity has been a major objective of American policy since World War II.

For centuries European statesmen have dreamed of a united Europe with the member nations

Two Men, Two Central Pupils Dead

HENDERSONVILLE—Four Charlotteans, two men and two Central High School boys, were killed this morning when a Beechcraft Bonanza airplane crashed and burned near here.

Killed were:

- K. J. Kirkpatrick, 2438 Selwyn Lane, manager of the Telephone Co. and Mrs. Samuel C. Campbell, 2323 Briarwood Road.
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Chicago Landlords Back Tuisa Eviction Movement

CHICAGO—(AP)—Some 750 Chicago landlords who said they own 80,000 Chicago rental units have overwhelmingly approved a plan to withdraw their property from the rental market as a means of fighting Federal rent control.

The whistling, clapping landlords jumped to their feet at an informal meeting last night in Chicago, which has ordered mass evictions of its tenants within 60 days.

However, Chief Justice Edward R. Scheffer of municipal court said yesterday that Chicago courts "will take all steps to halt any mass eviction movement."

GOOD FAITH QUESTIONED

"Any mass movement of landlords going away with their rental units is a matter of good faith as required by the law," the judge said.

If the courts should allow any evictions on the landlord's assertion that the market has collapsed, he added, the landlords could be held for contempt of court if they were not acting in good faith as required by the law.

The Chicago group is modeling itself after the Tulsa group, Okla., which has ordered mass evictions of its tenants within 60 days.

Chiang's Arrest Again Asked

NANKING — (AP)—The Communists tonight strongly suggested the immediate settlement of the Civil War, but told the Chinese Government it must first agree to completely withdraw its forces from the north.

Chiang Kai-shek and other officials on the Red list of "war criminals" are being asked to be arrested.

"You must swiftly to arrest this criminal and not permit him to escape," said a long broadcast by the Communist Party today.

"If escape occurs, you will be punished as a convict, with no mercy shown whatsoever."

It is physically impossible for the President to do so— even if he presently desires to do so— as Chiang and almost all the other 20 persons on the Red's war criminal list have fled southeastward.

With Communist troops planting artillery on the north bank of the Yangtze, these latest demands depressed Nanking's hopes for peace, according to the vanishing point.

At the landlords' meeting, William Schmidt, president of the National Association of Property Owners' Association of America, told the group to send eviction notices as immediately as possible, effective date of March 31, that is the present rent law expires.

The Tulsa landlords have done the same thing, but in Kansas City the association of landlords and the two landlords group, denied that they would immediately withdraw their property from the rental market.

The association announced, however, that it will hold a meeting in Washington to start a drive against rent control.

Jack A. Rosen, executive secretary of the Chicago Tenants' Federation, sent telegrams to Illinois Senators Scott Lucas and Paul Douglas asking repeal of the portion of the rent law permitting landlords to withdraw their property from the rental market.

He urged the landlords' rebellion as an attempt to bludgeon Congress.

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The cockpit and engine of the four-passenger plane was burned, but the rear portion of the fuselage, the wings and the tail were not damaged.

The plane crashed into the plane from the Southern Airways office at the Municipal Airport in Charlotte this morning. He was en route to the Asheville-Hendersop Airport.

Inspectors from the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Charlotte are working on the plane.

The Hendersonville police chief phoned the Charlotte office at 10 A. M.

Mr. Kirkpatrick and his son, who were killed, were taken to Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's wife and Jack's mother, Mr. Kirkpatrick became manager of the Telephone office Hendersonville in 1948. He had a

Once Over Lightly



\$500,000 Storm Relief Alloted

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

More Federal funds were on the way to the storm-stricken Western states today but new snow and cold weather delayed relief operations in some areas.

Nebraska, one of the states which suffered staggering blows from the early January blizzards, was in the path of the new cold wave that extended over the central section of the country. The below zero temperatures followed heavy falls of snow which have seriously disrupted relief operations.

But in Nebraska, Gov. Val Peterson told President Truman in a telegram human suffering is "increasing, deaths continuing, losses to cattle are mounting and potential losses are staggering."

Mr. Truman today authorized Secretary of Defense Forrestal to spend for blizzard relief such funds as are available in the military establishment. This includes money set up for river and harbor and floor control works in the engineer department.

The White House said the President will ask Congress for a supplementary appropriation to replace any funds so spent, and that Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator, will be co-ordinator of Federal relief activities in the disaster area.

Mr. Truman also sent \$500,000 on page 2-A.

Destroyers Join Search For Plane

LONDON — (AP)—Two destroyers sailed from French ports today to assist an intensive air search for the American B-29 Superfortress which disappeared two days ago with fifteen aboard.

The search center is in Atlantic waters off the northwest African coast where two strong directional stations report bearing emergency Morse code signals.

The Third Fleet's Division headquarters in London, which commands British-based Superfortresses and warships in the ocean area where the plane is believed to have crashed, in an announcement said the Air Force is hopeful that survivors of the missing plane will be rescued.

The board would have a maximum of 100 men.

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Atom News Would Be Sent Behind The Iron Curtain

DENVER — (AP)—Senator McMahon (D-Colo.) said today that Congress plans to sell people behind the iron curtain just what they need to know about the atom bomb could mean to them.

This could bring about new agreements.

McMahon said "people of Russia and the Communist bloc have been deliberately kept in ignorance by 'endless lies' which have made little or no military, economic and social progress, may train to work in their lives," they may change their minds about the U. S.

"Education, mass enlightenment and enlightenment to agreement," he said.

The method to be used to circulate this information, he said, will be a series of public hearings by the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee of the two houses.

McMahon said the hearing and meeting will be next Wednesday.

The hearing program will be "in the supremely important task of piercing... the iron curtain of mystery, ignorance and apathy" now surrounding the atomic energy program.

By giving wide publicity both here and abroad to information made public at the hearing, newspapers will have "an unprecedented opportunity for history's service of the highest order," the Senator continued.

He said it is about time the American people, and people everywhere, knew more about this nation's vast atomic program.

The five members of the Atomic Energy Commission, he noted, have advocated many times a "better public education in the field of atomic energy."

"Only the overriding interests of national security can justify a democratic Government having any secrets from its own people," McMahon said.

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WEATHER

Fair and much colder tonight, low temperature 16. Sunday fair and continued cold.

Temperature at 1 P. M. today... 53
High and low last night... 69-40
Sunset... 5:08
Sunrise tomorrow... 7:16

More Weather Data on Page 2-A