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Last-Minute Efforts Made To Avert Bus Strike

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Drivers To Quit Posts On Monday

Men Are Told To Quit Peacefully

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Federal officials were engaged in a vigorous, quiet effort this afternoon to avert the strike of Duke Power Co.'s bus drivers in six Carolina cities which is scheduled to begin Monday at 5 A. M.

This critical situation came under the personal study of Associate Director Colvin of the United States Mediation & Conciliation Service at Washington.

Leaders of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the union representing the Duke bus drivers, disclosed that the right-hand associate of Mediation Director Colvin had been in communication by telephone with the BRT representatives here.

STILL HOLD TALKS

D. Yates Heafner of Charlotte, a conciliator of this Federal Service, announced this afternoon that he was continuing to hold informal conferences separately with leaders of the power company and of the BRT. Mr. Heafner said that the public interest in this disturbing situation was being kept uppermost in these talks.

Furthermore, Mr. Heafner urged leaders of each side "to stand by, in readiness to receive any new call that may be justified by developments."

Nevertheless, Mr. Heafner had nothing to say that indicated any progress today toward averting the strike. Mr. Heafner withheld any comment on reports from BRT sources that he was also in communication with Associate Director Colvin at Washington.

Perhaps significant, Mr. Heafner did admit that "we are leaving no stone unturned in our efforts to protect the public interest involved in this dispute."

Attempts by The Charlotte News to establish telephone communication with Associate Director Colvin were unsuccessful this afternoon.

It was reported at his office that he had left for an undisclosed address and would be absent from his office for several hours.

"Withdrawal from work" actually will begin when the 500 drivers take their buses into the barns at the end of their shifts Sunday afternoon and night.

Involved also in the strike are 100 garage mechanics.

Leaders of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the union representing the drivers and mechanics, announcing the deadline hour, emphasized this comment:

"The Brotherhood does not advocate violence. The men have their instructions to withdraw peacefully."

When the final decision to strike became known to Duke Power officers, W. S. O'B. Robinson, vice-president, said:

"We shall not bring in strike-breakers nor take any other action that would lead to violence or public disorder. If and when we can operate the busses in an orderly manner we will do so."

TO PICKET BARNS

The BRT announced that pickets will be stationed around the bus barns in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, High Point, Salisbury, Greenville, S. C., and Spartanburg, S. C. These spokesmen added that pickets would be stationed elsewhere in the event that the Duke company should make any attempt to operate the busses.

Serious industrial and economic consequences that are inevitable in

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For more news of the bus strike, turn to the second front.

The Greatest Story Ever Told

By Fulton Oursler

CHAPTER 4
NO DREAMS TONIGHT

At the close of the day's work Joseph sat in the back of his shop and emptied a palmful of coins from a crock taken down from a tall shelf. Ever since he had first seen Mary he had saved every mite against his wedding day, which would not be long.

"Almost enough for everything," he congratulated himself. "And my wife won't have to skimp and scrape. Tonight," he resolved, "I will tell the family that we do not have to wait any more."

It was good to step abroad after the long day's work. Now and then the carpenter was saluted by a customer — a farmer, a shepherd, a blacksmith — and he relished every greeting with a sense of peaceful security.

Oh yes, he knew now that in Jerusalem sophisticates looked down on the countrified Nazarenes, yokels with a ridiculous northern accent. A favorite jest on the Jerusalem streets was the question: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

WHAT MORE COULD HE ASK?

But Joseph, with all his fellow townsmen, felt that the people of Jerusalem were unnatural and overcivilized. Anyway, he was proud of his home town and expected to live very happy there with Mary and children and work. What more could any man ask? Let Samuel have his Jerusalem and his revolutions.

Just ahead of him was a lane, and at its turning was the house of Joachim and Anna, white dome ghostlike in the dusk. At one side of it ran a staircase that led to the roof, and looking up there Joseph saw Mary. She had a lantern in her hand and she was bending over, collecting dates and figs that had been spread out to dry in the hot sun. Knowing his footsteps, she straightened up and waved her hand.

Then Joseph passed into the the house with the freedom of one who feels himself already a member of the family. Joachim strode forward, the two men bowed ceremoniously, and the younger man kissed the father's beard.

Joseph seated himself beside the older man and plunged at once into his business. He had saved his money, he had improved the living quarters behind the house, he was ready to buy a goat and hens and a rooster; he wanted his wife. Why should there be any delay?

The Annunciation. An interpretation from the etching by Rubens.

"Who makes delays?" demanded Joachim.

The carpenter glanced uneasily at Anna.

"NO SENSE IN WAITING"

"No, Joseph," said Mary's mother, looking over her shoulder as she patted the dough. "I will not stand in your way. I know now that you love Mary and that she loves you. There is really no sense in waiting. Have you fixed a date in your mind?"

"I want to marry her yesterday," jested Joseph, and they all laughed. "But no, I have not fixed any date. I want to talk with Mary after supper tonight. I would like it better that way."

Later, in the damp darkness of the Nazareth road, Joseph and Mary strolled and talked. They were full of their plans and felt a little awed by them. Completely occupied with a dozen small and enchanting details about their wedding, they were opposed that soft evening with no foreboding.

It was late when they were ready to say good night, but they had come to a decision. Within three months they would be married. Joseph would have liked it earlier but Mary pointed out that there

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Attlee To Form New Government

Carrying On Despite Setback

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Prime Minister Attlee announced today his Labor Government will carry on, despite the scant and shaky parliamentary majority it won in Thursday's elections. At the moment, Labor holds a nine-vote working margin in the House of Commons, with five seats still in doubt.

Attlee announced the decision after an emergency 75-minute cabinet session. It means the Labor Party will continue Government and run the continuous risk of being wrecked on a vote of confidence in the House of Commons at a time not of its own choosing.

Attlee emerged from the cabinet meeting at No. 10 Downing St. the Prime Minister's official residence, to say:

"Well, we are carrying on."

That was all he would say, but later the cabinet issued a formal statement which said:

"The cabinet met this morning to consider the situation arising from the general election.

"After consultation with his colleagues, the Prime Minister has decided that as the House of Commons will contain a majority of Labor members, it is the duty of the present administration to continue in office, for the King's Government must be carried on.

"The prime minister hopes that now the election is over, all will once more give their full efforts to carrying forward the necessary work of the nation."

All of Attlee's ministers made the traditional offers to resign. It is likely some will be accepted. The Prime Minister is expected to reshuffle his cabinet considerably, in the light of the thunderous voice of the electorate, and to make the names known about the middle of next week.

CHANGES TALKED

Among those expected to figure in the reshuffling are Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, who is sick, and Health Minister Aneurin Bevan, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate to succeed Bevin if Bevin does retire.

The new Parliament elected Thursday will convene next Wednesday for organization purposes. Just before the session, the Labor members will hold a meeting to reelect Attlee their leader and thus Prime Minister. On March 6, the Government's proposed legislative program will be outlined in the traditional speech by the king. There are many who think Labor will tone down its labor considerably because of the hard pounding the Socialists took Thursday.

Despite its narrow escape, the winning party plans a big victory celebration tonight to coincide with observance of its fiftieth birthday.

A strong comeback bid by the smooth party machine of Conservative Leader Winston Churchill, although defeated, came so close to the winning mark that Labor's mandate for giving Britain more Socialism and more nationalization of industry is seriously threatened.

Navy Captain's Death Is Believed Accident

By G. K. HODENFIELD

VIENNA, Austria —(AP)— U. S. Army authorities said today the facts indicated that U. S. Naval Captain Eugene S. Karpe met death accidentally Thursday in an Austrian railway tunnel, south of Salzburg.

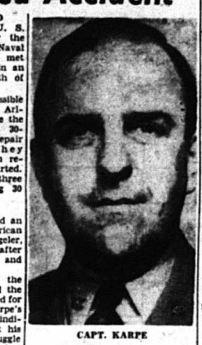
Investigators said it was possible that Karpe alighted from the Arlberg Express at Golling, where the train made an unscheduled 30-minute stop because of repair work on the tracks ahead. They theorized he had difficulty in reboarding the train after it started. The train entered the tunnel three minutes later and was going 30 miles an hour.

FRIEND OF VOGELER

Karpe was a close friend and an Annapolis classmate of American Businessman Robert A. Vogeler, now in a Hungarian prison after being convicted of espionage and sabotage.

An Army spokesman said the ballast between the tracks and the tunnel wall was freshly churned for some distance near where Karpe's body was found. This may indicate, he said, that aKrpe lost his balance and was trying to struggle back into the car while his feet dragged on the ground.

Oliver Wright, second secretary of the British legation in Bucharest, where Karpe had spent three years as naval attache, said he saw Karpe about 30 minutes before the accident occurred. He said he did not know whether Karpe got off the train at Golling. Karpe had complained about gout



CAPT. KARPE

and was walking with a limp, Wright said.

The Army spokesman stated there were nine pieces of luggage found in Karpe's compartment and none of them had been disturbed.

Found on Karpe's body was a cigarette lighter belonging to Vogeler. Karpe had visited the

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Kroehler Co. Plant Will Employ 200

Site Purchased On Monroe Road

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Kroehler Manufacturing Co. will establish a furniture manufacturing plant here, D. L. Kroehler, president of the firm, announced today.

The new plant will be located on a six acre tract on the Monroe Road within the city limits. This property, which lies along the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was purchased from Mrs. W. H. Belk of Charlotte.

The plant will employ approximately 200 persons and will produce upholstered furniture. Lumber from the Company's mills at Shreveport, La. will be shipped here to be made into living room suites, chairs and other types of furniture which the company makes.

The plant will contain from 60,000 to 70,000 square feet of floor space with all operations to be on one floor. Mr. Kroehler, who made the announcement at his home plant in Naperville, Ill., did not say how much the building will cost.

READY BY SEPT. 1

Construction will begin in the near future with the building to be ready for occupancy by Sept. 1. The type of construction has not been announced. The grounds surrounding the plant will be attractively landscaped.

Decision to locate the plant here came after months of negotiations with the executive committee of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the City Council and railroads serving the city. Through all these negotiations the Chamber of Commerce was in the lead, pointing out the advantages of this city as a manufacturing center.

TO BUILD WATER LINE

Some property within the city, but as it is in the perimeter area annexed last year water mains have not been extended to the area. The City Council has agreed to extend lines to the property.

The property fronts 350 feet on Monroe Road and has a depth of 750 feet, with the rear touching the SAL tracks. It is on the right hand side of the road going toward Monroe.

Negotiations looking toward establishment of the plant here have been under way since last Fall. Numerous officials of the company came here to inspect sites and confer with Floyd F. Kay, executive vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Chester Whelchel, executive secretary. Donald Pollner, the company representative here, also participated in these negotiations.

The property was purchased through Gibson Smith, of the Belk Co. real estate department.

Mr. Kay said that the Kroehler company's engineer, C. Taylor, is expected here soon to begin work on planning for the new plant. Mr. Kroehler and the executive vice-president, Kenneth Kroehler, also may visit the city. Mr. Taylor has been here several times in the early planning for the new industry.

The Kroehler Manufacturing Co. is one of the largest and best known makers of fine furniture. Pronounced Cray-lor, the products are sold in several of the city's finest furniture stores.

C OF C CHEERED

The furniture manufacturing company's announcement was received with an expression of "extreme gratification" by Floyd F. Kay, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president.

"The fact that Charlotte obtained this highly important industry emphasizes two things: Charlotte won by presenting a united front, and, second, the high economic value of the Southern market is receiving more and more recognition," said Mr. Kay.

KIRK LEAVES MOSCOW

MOSCOW —(AP)— U. S. Ambassador Alan G. Kirk left by special plane today for Berlin. The envoy expects to spend tonight as U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy's guest in Frankfurt.

McCarthy Charges Probed

State Dept. Investigation Set

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today named a five-man inquiry group headed by Senator Tydings (D-Md) to investigate charges that Communists hold high offices in the State Department.

Tydings told reporters that there will be "no witch hunt and no whitewash" in the probe of charges made by Senator McCarthy (R-Wis).

Other members of the subcommittee are Senators Green (D-RI), McMahon (D-Conn), Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) and Lodge (R-Mass).

Republicans earlier had decided at a party policy committee meeting to demand a five-member inquiry group. Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee favored a three-member subcommittee but he yeilded on that point.

Connally told reporters the subcommittee will be empowered to hire two outstanding attorneys or investigators to aid the group in looking into McCarthy's charges that 81 persons he said were Communists or fellow travelers have been or are employed by the State Department.

Secretary of State Acheson has said there is "no truth' in McCarthy's charges. President Truman characterized them as false.

Tydings said the five-member group will meet Monday to organize.

He said they will hunt for "outstanding and respected persons" to help them make a full and fair investigation.

"We will let the chips fall where they may," he said. "This will be neither a witch-hunt on one hand nor a whitewash on the other."

Connally said the committee may ask the Senate for from $25,000 to $50,000 to cover expenses of the investigation.

For the subcommittee he pledged "a real serious attempt to get to the bottom of these charges."

Union's Major Demands Listed

Major demands by the Duke Power Co. bus drivers in six Carolina cities through the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen are a wage raise and a contributory pension system.

This was disclosed by BRT Public Relations Director Gordon this afternoon in the BRT's first statement regarding its dispute with the power company and the strike which is scheduled to begin Monday at 5 A. M.

The BRT spokesman said that the bus drivers feel that the company "discriminated against them" by raising all other employees by 8 1/2 per cent on Dec. 1, 1949.

However, the BRT spokesman asserted that "we are willing at any time to meet with the company across the table and attempt to adjust these issues."

Mr. Gordon explained that the bus drivers do not have a pension system requiring contributions. He added that the drivers want a pension system that will provide them with something when they retire.

He emphasized a declaration: "The statement by the company that the men make $300 per month is pure bunk". Mr. Gordon insisted that top pay for the drivers is $68.40 per week. "They have to work six days per week, 9 1-2 hours daily and very few of them make that top pay," he said. He pointed out that "the company received authority to increase bus fares 33 1-3 per cent on Aug. 15, 1949." He also commented: "Our wage demand is much less than that", in percentage.

BUS PASSENGERS KILLED

RIO DE JANEIRO—(AP)— A bus bound for Rio slipped into a ravine in the mountains about 80 miles north of here yesterday, killing five passengers and injuring 25.

Pittsburgh Coal Trucks Guarded By State Police

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—Truckloads of union-dug relief coal for fuel starved Pittsburgh rolled along without picket interference today under the watchful eye of state police convoys.

No pickets appeared at the strip mine at nearby Imperial where United Mine Worker members have been a biting 10-degree temperature to peel coal from the frozen earth surface.

Truckers moved the coal along a winding three-mile backwoods route to the tipple. The early morning darkness was pierced by the fiery light of huge bonfires at either end of the route to warm

MOVED BY RAIL

The coal was loaded into the tipple and then dumped into railroad cars which will move the needed fuel into Pittsburgh, 18 miles away.

William Aloe, head of the strip operation said 4,000 tons of coal were moved into this coal aid steel center by the same method yesterday.

State police set up an elaborate protection system for Aloe's truckers but Aloe protested:

"We don't want police protection. The miners won't work if the police are there."

The 65 miners employed by Aloe are covered by a "Kentucky agreement" contract signed with John L. Lewis last November.

The Kentucky agreement is the name give nthe pact Lewis negotiated first with a group of Kentucky operators. It increases miners' pay from $14.05 a day to $15 and the royalty payment from 20 to 35 cents a ton. These agreements cover 40,000 UMW diggers in scattered areas.

State Police said they acted on the request of Pittsburgh coal merchants who said previous attempts to bring coal in by truck have been stopped by stone-throwing pickets.

Police said windshields of several vehicles were smashed yesterday at the mine. No-one was injured and there were no arrests.

Meanwhile, a gathering of Lewis' top union leaders in Washington hinted possible week-end developments in the coal strike crisis.

With Lewis himself out of town, the presidents of his soft coal districts came to Wasington for a powwow with Thomas Kennedy, United Mine Workers Vice President, and John Owens, the UMW's secretary-treasurer. Lewis is in Springfield, Ill., for the funeral of a brother.

News Switchboard Closes At 7:30 P. M.

The telephone switchboard at The Charlotte News will have a new closing time of 7:30 P. M. effective tonight.

All subscribers wishing circulation service are requested to dial 3-6383 before 7:30 P. M.

NC Senate Race Is Rife With Variety

By TOM WALKER

RALEIGH, (AP)— The situation couldn't have been put in a better-fitting nutshell than the one Robert Rice Reynolds wrapped it up in.

Willis Smith's decision to run for the U. S. Senate, Reynolds declared, will mean a more interesting race for the seat Frank Graham now occupies.

And, the 63-year-old former senator who himself is opposing Graham, it "will provide for the electorate of North Carolina greater variety of candidates and platforms."

Smith's announcement and simultaneous filing with the State Board of Elections took top place on the capital scene this week.

His decision was not unexpected, since he had been talking like a candidate for several days and had promised a statement before the end of the week.

Observers were quick to agree that Smith's candidacy gives voters a crystal-clear choice between liberalism and conservatism —even more so than was offered by Reynolds' entry several weeks ago.

Graham, who left the presidency of the University of North Carolina to the Senate last March, long has been regarded as a leading liberal.

Smith, a widely known Raleigh attorney who once served speaker of the State House and formerly headed the American Bar Association, stands just as firmly on the conservative side.

Reynolds, who retired from the Senate in 1945 after serving twelve years, is harder to classify, but when he made his surprise announcement several weeks ago that he was opposing Graham, he said it was because he "stands for and believes in many things that are foreign to my thinking and are not in keeping with the views of the voters of North Carolina."

When reporters began to query Smith about the possibility of becoming a candidate, Smith said:

SMITH STATEMENT

"I believe the majority of North Carolinians are not in favor of all the things our present incumbent Senator Graham stands for. It would be a great opportunity for someone who wants to represent the real viewpoint of most people in the State."

To that he added: "I approve of Senator Clyde Hoey's position on almost everything."

Hoey, the State's senior senator, is a conservative. So far there has been no announcement from his seat, which also is at stake this year. Hoey won that seat, incidentally, after Reynolds decided not to run against Hoey.

FIVE IN RACE

Smith's candidacy brought to five the number of aspirants to the Senate seat, to which Graham was appointed by Governor Scott at the death of M. Melville Broughton.

Besides Graham, Reynolds and Smith, Manley R. Dunaway of Charlotte and Olla Ray Boyd of Pinetown, perennial candidates but never big vote getters, have let the electorate know they want the Senate job.

Graham this week formally opened his campaign headquarters, under management of former Superior Court Judge Jeff D. Johnson Jr., who managed Broughton's successful race two years ago. Smith was not ready when he filed to say who his campaign manager will be. Reynolds said he would not open headquarters until after the March 18 deadline for filing. Organizational work in Dunaway's campaign has been started, and Boyd this week made a speech in Washington, N. C., which he billed as the formal opening effort in his campaign.

U.S. Envoy And Staff Leave Red Bulgaria

NIS, Yugoslavia — (AP) — U. S. Minister Donald R. Heath led his 49-member delegation out of Bulgaria today, branding her Red Government as an enemy of freedom.

Heath, who had served as American minister in Sofia until the United States broke diplomatic relations with Bulgaria Tuesday, spoke bitterly of Bulgarian charges that he had served as a spy.

Soon-To-Be-Busless City Figuring Out Emergency Transportation For Monday

By BOB SAIN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte business and industry was planning today to press into emergency duty such varied vehicles as laundry trucks, U. S. Army equipment and private automobiles to get their workers on the job Monday morning.

Duke Power bus driver have said they will stop service at that time.

CARL POOL RETURNS

A representative selection of small businesses employing relatively few persons indicated that the employees themselves were making arrangements to ride with neighbors. The war-time standby — the "car pool" — will probably be revived.

A. L. Bechtold, personnel director at Lance Inc. reported that the approximately 1,000 Lance workers reported in a survey last week that they would be able to find transportation to work.

USE LAUNDRY TRUCKS

Frank Benoit, president and general manager of Charlotte Laundry Inc., said his company would plan to pick up the approximately 100 workers who had no means of transportation Monday morning in laundry trucks.

Although plans are incomplete, the U. S. Army Quartermaster Depot on Hutchison Ave. will probably pick up their stranded workers in Army vehicles, said Capt. Young J. Davis, Quartermaster transportation officer.

Mail carriers who ride busses to and fro mtheir routes each working day will be transported by trucks of the Post Office.

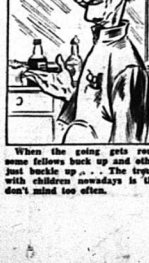
"Many of our carriers ride busses," said Postmaster George E. Wilson. "Their routes are some distance from the Post Office station from which they work and they have to use city busses."

Some mills in Charlotte were caught unprepared by the announcement of the strike plan this morning.

Fritz Seifart Sr., president of Hudson Hosiery, said he expected "some difficulty" in arranging transportation of workers to the firm's number two plant in the Oakhurst area. The absence of workers on the Saturday holiday made the problem worse.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER



When the going gets rough some fellows buck up and others just buckle up . . . The trouble with children nowadays is they don't mind too often.

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