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Partly cloudy and continued warm through tomorrow...

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COMMUNIST Starts Expansion Program

Is Taken By Robber

Escape Is Made In Flurry Of Shots
A bank employee said the bare-headed bandit escaped in an automobile with an accomplice who sat in the vehicle's wheel near the bank entrance.

NO CUSTOMERS PRESENT
Only two employees and no customers were in the bank when the man walked in about 10:45 A. M. and drew a pistol.

Don Mauney, and other employees, the man was about five feet, eight inches in height. His weight was estimated at about 145 pounds.

Don Mauney fired a few shots at the fleeing robber as he jumped in his car but it was not a hit.

Charles Brown, agent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office, said that the stolen money was all in small bills, ones, fives, tens and twenties.

Road blocks were established by highway patrolmen and county and city officers in Catawba, Cleveland and Gaston Counties. The FBI and highway patrol sent additional men into the area.

Maragon Lawyer Asks Acquittal
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Government finished presenting its perjury case against John Maragon today in a federal court here.

Once Over Lightly
BY THE OL' SHAVER
The more feet there is under the table, the less there is on it.

U. N. EXECUTIVE ON PEACE MISSION

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Truman Stated To Answer McCarthy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman was expected today to be drafting a reply to Sen. McCarthy's charges of Communism in the Government—charges termed "mad and vicious" by Secretary of State Acheson.

Mr. Truman is scheduled to make a nationwide broadcast tonight (APR. 24 P. M. EST). His speech is expected to be a defense of the Government's loyalty program, target of a drizzle attack by McCarthy, who calls it grossly inadequate to make charges on the signed to keep Communists and subversives out of Government jobs.

Mr. Truman already has called McCarthy but everyone knew he was talking about him. Acheson's sharp criticism of McCarthy was in an off-the-record speech he made Saturday night before the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Part of it was made public by the State Dept. last night.

The Secretary did not name McCarthy but everyone knew he was talking about him. The right way to try to find subversives in one State Dept. Acheson said, is through the loyalty program set up by his predecessor, Gen. George C. Marshall.

Two-phase Job To Take Three Years

Will Result In 4-Story Structure
By MARTHA LONDON
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Montaldo's of Charlotte, 220 N. Tryon St., announced today plans for a \$700,000 remodeling and construction program which began this morning and will be completed within a three-year period.

Contract for the work has been awarded Southeastern Construction Co. and the plans for the modern building were drawn by Louis H. Ashby & Son, architects.

The work will be done in two sections, and will result in a four-story structure that promises to be one of the outstanding centers of its kind throughout the Southeast.

Plans are to start from the rear, completing the back half of the building first, and then the front half. Business will continue as usual in the section of the store not under construction.

Today's announcement was made by Miss Lillian Montaldo, owner, of the building. The new office building will be of French-type architecture, with a deep, sloping roof, three dormer windows and a front of natural sandstone.

The first floor fronting will be of granite marble, and elegant wrought-iron work on the balconies facing the street will add additional atmosphere. Four large show windows will be constructed on the front, two on each side of the entrance.

The building will have a frontage of 52 feet and will be 140 feet deep. The section now under construction will include the second floor, with a complete line of skylight by outstanding French style. The third and fourth floors and the "Rendezvous Room" and the "Bridal Salon" will occupy the top two floors.

Public Service Not Affected

Phone Equipment Workers Quit
NEW YORK (AP)—Telephone equipment workers went out on strike from coast to coast today, but public phone service was not immediately affected.

Division Six of the CIO Communication Workers of America predicted that 10,000 members in the Bell System would be off the job by nightfall in 43 states and the District of Columbia. The walk-out was slow in starting, the union said, because of the time zone factor.

Western Electric Co. 5,000 out of 11 in New York but said it had not heard from the Rocky Mountain or West Coast states.

Meanwhile, company and union spokesmen continued negotiations with a Federal mediator. States not affected are Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Massachusetts and Montana.

As the time zone moved west and word spread to other Bell System employees went to work, assuring continued telephone service.

The strike was against the Western Electric Co., manufacturing and equipment subsidiary of the Bell System's parent corporation, AT&T.

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Big Rent Increase Seen

By Bowles If Controls Go Lost Fliers Honored By President
WASHINGTON (AP)—Governor Chester Bowles of Connecticut said today that dropping rent control would mean a \$200 million increase in the cost of living.

He predicted "rapid and substantial increases" would hit the 600,000 families he said control was protecting.

Bowles said that home building since 1946 had relieved only one quarter of the housing shortage that existed then, and had not been heavy at all toward meeting newly arisen needs.

Even before he left Connecticut, Bowles made four radio addresses on the matter clear. The former director of the nation's wartime price controls said he believed that the matter clear.

Wood suggested that the committee consider the possibility of authorizing local governments to secure the re-establishment of Federal control where rents get out of hand.

Bowles said the vacancy rate for rental dwellings is generally less than one per cent and many families are being crowded into shacks, cellars, garages, gunnery huts, barracks and other makeshift accommodations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—State Rep. Charles J. Schuh Jr., leader of Gov. Fuller Warren's force in the 1946 Florida House of Representatives, was shot and killed in a shooting incident here today.

Deputy Sheriff Andy Band said that Charles Ross, 71, Bay City, held in city jail in the slaying, had been in the room with a motive for the shooting immediately.

Ross was bleeding profusely about the head from an injury when arrested. He quoted Ross as saying he incurred the injury in an altercation with Schuh, L. C. DeW., an associate of Schuh's, who reportedly heard a shot from the legislator's inner office and grabbed Ross as he emerged into the ante-room.

Request For Two Weeks Wait Made

Union Likely To Consider Plan
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Government today asked a two-week postponement of the strike set for Wednesday on several major railroads.

Francis A. O'Neill Jr., chairman of the National Mediation Board, made the request in a telegram to David B. Robertson, president of the strike-brethren Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Engineers.

O'Neill offered the board's "services" during the proposed two-week period to settle the dispute at issue—the union's demand for assignment of a second fireman to Diesel locomotives.

The Government request for the strike postponement came at a time when the four major railroads to be affected were curtailing services in anticipation of the walkout.

The strike is set for 6 A. M. local time, Wednesday, on parts of the Pennsylvania system, including the Southern Railway and the Washington, Annapolis and Northern Railway.

O'Neill said Robertson and his top union aides probably will consider the Government request at the meeting in Chicago this afternoon.

He said the union also is considering an embargo this morning on most of its long-distance passenger operations and all its Western freight service, effective tonight.

Already the Acheson, Topka & Santa Fe has embargoed shipments of livestock and perishable freight. The Southern Railway has announced that it will close down its 8,000-mile system by Wednesday if the strike threat continues.

Two presidential fact-finding boards have ruled against the need of a third man on the diesel engines. The quarrel has been going on for years.

Workers In 8 N. C. Cities Are Affected

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Although the root of the dispute is wages, the immediate cause of the walkout was a minority grievance that flared into a major issue over the week-end.

The company claimed the men refused to walk through a field where workers were building a television tower. They refused to walk through a field where workers were building a television tower.

He L. M. Bowler, Mr. Bowker and a small staff have worked on the equipment workers are an entity presently in Charlotte, although the North Carolina area supervisor for Western Electric is here.

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