

The Greatest Story Ever Told

By Fulton Oursler

CHAPTER 5 THE BETHLEHEM For this night's negotiations Joseph had made great preparations.

Joseph was greeted at the door by Joachim. Inside were Anna, Mary and Elizabeth. There was a difference of more than forty years; it was like being cousin to your own grand-nephew.

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Mediators' Efforts In Dispute Fail

Union Promises 48-Hour Notice

By J. A. DALY Charlotte News Staff Writer Refusal of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen to arbitrate brought a new crisis today in the dispute between Duke Power Co. and this union representing Duke's bus drivers in six Carolina cities including Charlotte.

The power company announced this was willing to arbitrate the BRT demands for a wage raise.

This deadlock followed an unsuccessful final effort by Federal and State mediators to avert the threatened BRT strike and thereby protect the public interest.

Overriding this whole tangle of situation was a dark cloud that the union had refused to arbitrate the BRT demands for a wage raise.

The following statement was issued this afternoon jointly by the three Commissioners who have engaged in the ill-fated effort at conciliation.

"We have recommended that the dispute be submitted to arbitration. Further efforts to work out any questions as to details or machinery for such procedure is rendered unnecessary in view of the fact that the union has expressed its decision to arbitrate as a basis for disposition of this matter.

These Commissioners are D. Van Hook, Chairman of the North Carolina Labor Department, and W. J. Spry, Jr., Chairman of the South Carolina Labor Department.

Previously, the long-drawn-out efforts by the mediators to effect a settlement of the "busmen" conciliation had ended in complete failure.

The union principal demand is for a 40-hour week for some \$3,000 yard service employees, without a cut in pay from their present 48-hour scale.

BELEAGUED REDS CHASED BRITISH — (AP) — Three hundred helmeted gendarmes, carrying guns and tear gas bombs, drove 100 Belgian refugees toward the Belgian Ministry of Defense today, they were protesting the presence of Gen. Charles T. Lanchester, U. S. military assistance chief for Belgium.

Duke officials announced after the fruitless session yesterday that the Duke Power Co. would be willing to submit the question of wages to arbitration on a basis the employees and the company agreed to.

It was explained that this declaration made the dispute a matter of the strike at the time when the union was on a 48-hour week.

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Enforcement Provisions Are Lacking

Teeth Pulled In Marathon Session

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House passed today a fair employment practice bill (FEPC) bill stripped of enforcement provisions.

The vote was 240 to 177. The bill, far short of what President Truman wanted, now goes to the Senate. The House action came after a debate that started at noon yesterday and ran into early this morning.

The bill that finally emerged from the House is so far short of what Mr. Truman wanted that many of its supporters refused to vote for it. Southern Democrats opposed it solidly. They were largely responsible for having knocked all the enforcement teeth out of the bill.

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Ladd Says Russell Sent Him A Card

By DIX SARFIELD WINNSBORO, S. C. — (AP) — Seventy-two-year-old J. Wash Ladd testified today that Harry Russell, one of three Charlotte, N. C., residents charged with robbing him \$41,500 last summer, sent him a Christmas card with a note that he was sorry about the robbery.

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Lewis Works Against Time

Coal Accord Reported Nearer

By HAROLD W. JOHNS WASHINGTON — (AP) — John L. Lewis and coal operators were reported today to have narrowed the gap between them in their long-running fight over a new mining contract.

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Close Contest Predicted In Heavy British Voting

By EDWIN SHANKE LONDON — (AP) — Britons by the millions swarmed into polling places today, voting whether to keep or ditch their Socialist Government. The contest was expected to be close and the decision will not be known until tomorrow.

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Witness Tells Story To House Group

U. S. Called 'The Enemy' By Red Leader

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Once Over Lightly

By WALTER BEYERHAEUSER

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