

# Board recommends a Raise For Railway Workers

## More Boosts For Trainmen Turned Down

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Presidential Board today recommended a 40-hour week and an 18-cent hourly pay increase for about 75,000 railroad yard service employees. It recommended denial of wage boosts for about 125,000 trainmen and conductors.

The emergency board filed its report with President Truman, such recommendations usually are the basis for setting labor disputes.

The railroads and two unions involved—the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors—now have 30 days in which to negotiate under the railway labor act before the unions could take strike action.

The board recommended that the 40-hour week and eighteen-cent hourly wage boost for yard service employees, represented by the two unions, become effective next Oct. 1. The railroads now have a 48-hour work week.

The unions had asked for the same pay a 40-hour week as they had received for the 48-hour week. In denying this demand, the board said:

**OVERTIME POSSIBILITIES**  
"The higher rates with the 40-hour week would add 18 cents to the hourly rate, but would add 40 hours of overtime pay for each worker after 40 hours, would serve to offset any substantial reduction in take-home pay."

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## 39 Known Dead in Second Plane Crash

BAHRAIN ISLAND, Persian Gulf (AP)—A big Air France plane crashed on the Persian Gulf last night, and 39 of the 51 persons it carried are known dead. The craft plunged into the Gulf at almost the same spot where another Air France plane crashed two days ago with a loss of 48 lives.

Officials said twelve persons had been rescued by early afternoon, including four of the crew of eight. Twelve infants were reported to have been aboard the plane. Only one is known to have been saved.

This plane and the sister C-54 bomber which crashed two days ago were en route from Indo-China to Paris. Officials have not discarded the possibility of sabotage by agents of the Indo-China Communists who are fighting the French.

Air France officials in Paris said the plane carried 43 passengers and eight crew members. The officials said the search of the area was continuing with more than 100 small fishing boats scouring the area.

American and British Air Force planes based in the Gulf area joined the search, sweeping low over the area, but a low ceiling hampered their efforts. High winds and choppy waters made it unlikely that life rafts from the plane could stay afloat for long.

The survivors all were reported to be French citizens. The circumstances of this crash and the one two days ago were almost identical. A storm was sweeping the Gulf area in each case. The planes were coming in to land and it was believed the planes from the field just before they plunged into the sea. Both planes had begun their trips at Saigon, Indo-China and had made their last stop at Karachi, Pakistan.

The first plane had dropped into about twelve feet of water. It was beached yesterday. Twenty-eight bodies were found still in the cabin. Last night the sister ship fell into 30 feet of water. A floating derrier was used today in attempts to raise it and it was believed the bodies of most of the missing would be found in the wreckage.

A company spokesman, ordering a halt to night flying at Bahrain, said that the plane was equipped with systems for radar approach and had only two radio beams to guide it.

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## Excise Tax Cutting Bill Reported Set

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## Grand Jury Says Agency Not Remiss

NEW YORK (AP)—A special federal grand jury today cleared government officials and agencies of any shortcoming in the Amerasia stolen documents case.

The grand jury, which was organized in New York City, returned its verdict after a two-day hearing. It found that the State Department and other agencies were not remiss in their handling of the case.

The grand jury also cleared the State Department of any negligence in its handling of the case.

## Adjourment Hopes Higher

WASHINGTON (AP)—An adjournment fever appears to be reigning in the Senate several days early.

Senate observers wonder whether it was the real thing, the Democratic and Republican leaders.

Democratic Leader Lucas, of Illinois, has been taking daily opportunities to predict that Congress can complete action on a big list of bills before adjournment on July 31.

Yesterday, two Senate Republican leaders, Wherry of Nebraska and Taft of Ohio, got into the act by agreeing with Lucas and carefully inserting some GOP "ifs."

Wherry, the Republican floor leader, said Lucas had handed him a list of more than 20 bills that should be passed before Congress goes on its summer vacation.

If Lucas would trim his list in half, Wherry agreed that everybody could go campaigning.

A few hours later the Senate Republican policy committee met and agreed to support Lucas' plan.

Emerging from this with a broad smile, Chairman Taft said it "is possible for Congress to adjourn August 11."

The two Senate Republican leaders said they would insist on a Senate vote on two things:

1. That the adjournment of the federal excise taxes, first imposed during the war on a long list of items ranging from jewelry and furs to passenger transportation and cosmetics.

2. That the restriction on President Truman's power to cut import duties under the trade agreements program.

## Philippines Get U. S. Army Bases

MANILA (AP)—U. S. military bases in the Philippines were given today to the Philippine Government.

The bases, which include military headquarters, barracks and other buildings at the Fort McKinley and Nichols Field, were transferred to the Philippine Government.

The transfer was part of a long-term agreement between the United States and the Philippines, signed in 1946.

## Smith Speaker Rebut: 'Smear Phrase'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Speaker Charles McNary today rebuffed an attempt to label a Republican attack on the administration as a "smear phrase."

McNary, in a speech before the House, said that the attack was a fair and honest appraisal of the administration's record.

He said that the attack was not a smear, but a legitimate criticism of the administration's policies.

## Smith Hit For 'Republicanism'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senatorial candidate Willie Smith came under fire last night as having "adopted the Republican attack on our national administration."

Smith, who is running for the Republican nomination for the U. S. Senate, was criticized for his support of the administration's policies.

His critics accused him of being a "Republican in name only."

## Ruling Of Justice Dept. Clears FCX

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Communications Commission today cleared the Federal Communications Exchange (FCX) from charges of unfair competition.

The FCC ruled that the FCX was not in violation of the Communications Act of 1934.

The ruling was a significant victory for the FCX, which had been facing charges of unfair competition from other telecommunications companies.

## What's Inside

NEW YORK (AP)—John A. McConne, Los Angeles businessman, was sworn in today as Undersecretary of the Federal Reserve.

Secretary Polier administered the oath to McConne, who was a member of the Federal Reserve's advisory commission in 1947.

McConne's appointment is seen as a move to strengthen the Federal Reserve's ties with the business community.

## Once Over Lightly By THE OLD SHAVER

It's pretty hard for a prize quarterback to make passing grades... it's a lot harder when the odds are against you... it's the only thing that's 100 per cent... it's the only thing that's 100 per cent... it's the only thing that's 100 per cent...

## CIO Votes To Expel Communications Group

WASHINGTON (AP)—The CIO executive board voted 20 to 2 today to expel the American Communications Association from the CIO.

The vote was a significant move by the CIO to distance itself from the American Communications Association, which has been accused of being a front for Communist activities.

The CIO executive board said that the American Communications Association had violated the CIO's policy of non-interference in political matters.

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