

3 U. S. Captives Strive For Pact As Others Strive For Peace

Walkouts Are Delayed At Last Minute Negotiations Are Resumed

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Following a last minute postponement of a scheduled Southwestern strike of cotton and rayon workers under the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO), developments on both a local and state level came fast this morning.

First, Draper D. Wood, acting manager of the Mecklenburg Joint Board of the TWUA, said negotiations with four Charlotte mills will be resumed immediately after the contract dispute between the union and the mills is resolved. Acheson expressed hope for speedy action.

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Acheson Hopes Soviet House Body To Talk Jap Treaty

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Acheson said today he hopes Russia will renew talks on a Japanese peace treaty and join in concluding one before the end of the year.

Acheson told a news conference he sees no reason why the tentative treaty text which Ambassador John Foster Dulles is now drafting should be found objectionable by the Soviet or any other government.

Dulles, who recently returned from a trip to Japan, offered to talk with Soviet Representative Jacob Malik about the treaty. His offer drew a harsh rebuff.

Acheson also:

1. Said the U. S. high commissioner in Germany, John J. McCloy, has informed him that difficulties over Germany's accepting a proposal for a Franco-German coal and steel merger have been largely solved. Acheson expressed hope for speedy action.
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House Body Goes Out In Budget

Two Departments
Would Feel Axe

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON—The House Appropriations Committee today recommended a \$25,000,000 cut in next year's budget of the Treasury and Post Office Departments.

This represents a reduction of about 1.3 per cent under the annual President Truman recommended a \$25,000,000 cut in next year's budget of the Treasury and Post Office Departments.

The committee asked the House to cut much from the \$2,626,125,000 requested, applying \$11,151,000 of the reduction of the Treasury's request for \$597,251,000 and \$2,744,000 of the \$2,360,874,000 sought for the Post Office Department.

There were no substantial reductions recommended for any of agencies which make up the two departments.

DEBATE SLATED

The bill will be debated by the House next Tuesday. It is the first of the departmental budget bills to be presented to the House this year. The Appropriations Committee has also reported a bill for the year's appropriations for the entire Federal budget into a single measure.

The bill would cut \$11,151,000 from the cash in the Treasury Department, approximately \$11,800,000 from permanent appropriations and \$2,744,000 from the largest of which is \$2,600,000 for interest on the national debt.

Other items in this group include such things as receipts for the fund and the unemployment trust fund which are appropriated to the Treasury and paid out by that agency. They vary in size from year to year and many of them are charges against general revenue.

The committee approved the full \$1,584,138 requested for printing and binding for another year. A supply of \$1 billion has reached a dangerous low.

To enable the Bureau of Customs to carry on a drive against smuggling and other illegal activities, the committee approved funds for the employment of 207 new positions created recently.

The committee cut \$3,500,000 from funds requested for the INS.

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Senator Robert A. Taft (left), met Charles Cannon, head of Cannon Mills, this morning at Kannapolis during the Senator's swing over Piedmont North Carolina communities. The Senator arrived in Salisbury early this morning, visited Kannapolis, Lexington and Newton and will speak in Charlotte tonight. (Photo by Jimmy Rabb).

Chamber Would Abolish RFC

By G. MILTON KELLY
WASHINGTON—Directors of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce today called for abolition of the RFC.

The 45-member board of the business organization adopted a resolution saying:

"Facts disclosed by the Fulbright subcommittee have created uncertainty and distrust concerning RFC procedure. Engaged as we are in a national mobilization effort, we cannot afford to have the integrity or general moral level of the Government or any of its agencies subject to question."

Senator Fulbright (D-Ark) heads the Senate Banking Subcommittee which has been investigating RFC lending. The group has charged that some directors of the RFC have yielded to influence in making loans.

"As a result of the committee's disclosures, considerable sentiment has built up in Congress for killing the RFC."

OPPOSED BY FULBRIGHT

Fulbright himself has taken the stand that the agency should be continued but reorganized and "cleaned up."

Some Congress members also argue the RFC is a big help to small business and ought to be continued for that reason.

There is a dispute in the Senate also as to whether the Fulbright committee should continue its RFC investigation. Fulbright has said he wants to bring the inquiry to an early end, but Republicans in particular are calling for its continuation. Chairman Maybank (D-SC) of the full banking committee said he thought it should go on.

Taft Thinks Truman Won't Run Again

SALISBURY—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said today he believed President Truman would not run again for the presidency.

He added in an interview with The Salisbury Post that he was confident that if the national election were held today that the Republicans would win. He said he couldn't predict what would happen a year and a half in the future.

Taft here arrived by train this morning from Washington and was met by a small group of Young Republicans, including Bill Stevens of Lenoir, and Paul Proby, bill, son of Republican Congressman Ed Broyles of Lenoir.

The group motored to nearby Kannapolis where Taft breakfasted in the office of Charles A. Cannon, internationally known textile manufacturer.

Afterward he said he had discussed with Cannon and mill officials the economic situation in general, controls, new taxation, and the economic outlook for the next few years. He said his present trip is not a political tour.

"Asked if he is a candidate for the presidency, he told Concord and Kannapolis newsmen: 'I am not a candidate now in the sense of organizing for the purpose of winning the Republican nomination.'"

He added that he would accept the nomination if it were given him.

Senator Taft Will Speak Here At 7 P. M.

Senator Robert A. Taft will speak at 7 o'clock tonight at the Hotel Charlotte in an address sponsored by the Young Republicans of Mecklenburg County. Tickets for this banquet have been set at \$7.50 each.

Senator Taft is expected to arrive here at 6 o'clock tomorrow. Following the banquet he will leave for Charlottesville to address a conference of young Republicans of Eastern Carolina.

Two Liquor Elections Approved By Senate

RALEIGH—The Senate in short order today approved bills to change the liquor laws in Winston-Salem on opening of ABC liquor stores.

Only three "dry" votes were cast in the passage of the two bills were passed.

The Greensboro measure now goes to the House for action while the Winston-Salem measure has to go through the formality of ratification before it becomes law. The Winston bill received House approval last week.

Another development on the liquor issue came when Sen. T. W. Whitener of Lincoln, his leader in the Senate, offered a bill to provide for teaching in the public schools on the control and effect of alcohol drugs. The bill would provide for a supervisor of alcohol education in the State Department of Public Instruction.

In other developments on the legislative front, two lawmakers introduced a bill calling for a referendum primary in North Carolina on the selection of Presidential candidates.

Rep. J. B. Moore of Forsyth and Clifton Blue of Moore.

The measure would provide for a referendum on the issue of National Conventions in the primary—instead of at state conventions. It would also provide a slate of delegates pledged to a slate of delegates pledged to

Rockefeller Niece Kills Daughters, Takes Own Life

GREENWICH, Conn.—Mrs. Winifred Rockefeller, 69, a grand-niece of the late John D. Rockefeller, died today in the wreckage of a British express train. It helped the track at a switch and smashed into the back of the train, killing a British soldier aboard the train. She was traveling "dead slow" when nine of the thirteen coaches jumped the rails.

At least 20 persons were injured, 19 of them seriously. Four hours after the wreck, rescuers at 11 were digging into one of the coaches in the belief more dead or injured people might still be in it.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Government today filed an evasion charge against Ralph Capone, described as a "Chicago threatener" with arrest on contempt charges.

Faces Possible Contempt Charge Castello Called Back To Stand

NEW YORK—Racketeer Frank Castello, who he defiantly walked out of the Federal Crime Committee hearing yesterday, was ordered to return this afternoon.

The biggest name to be called to come back or face arrest.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) chairman of the committee, said "Mr. Castello is being called back to stand in the witness chair."

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Sen. Vandenberg's Condition Same

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The condition of Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, seriously ill at his home here, has remained "substantially the same."

Dr. A. B. Smith, physician for the Republican foreign policy leader, said late yesterday that the Senator's condition "has not changed in either direction."

Vandenberg, 66, underwent a severe relapse Feb. 28 shortly after returning home from a stay in a local hospital.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer today and Saturday. Tonight, fair and rather cold with scattered snow.

Low last night, 33 degrees. Expected low tonight, 23-34 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:33 A. M.; sunset, 6:31 P. M.

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LAKE'S STAY COLD

Why do lakes stay so cold in the Spring? Because the ice in the spring process is an odd one. Since fresh water is in its maximum density at 39 degrees, that's the temperature of the water in the bottom of the lake up to the surface of the water. The higher layers are 3-5 degrees successively colder.

Now, as the surface water begins to warm, after the ice melts, it becomes heavier, sinks and is replaced by colder water. This mixing goes on until the whole lake is at a temperature of 39, before it can warm up further.

Two Killed In British Rail Mishap

DONCASTER, Eng.—Eleven adults and a baby were killed today in the wreck of a British express train. It helped the track at a switch and smashed into the back of the train, killing a British soldier aboard the train. She was traveling "dead slow" when nine of the thirteen coaches jumped the rails.

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Woolen Mill Strike Settled

BOSTON—A strike of 20,000 (10 textile workers in twenty plants) of the American Woolen Co. was peacefully settled Monday.

A spokesman for the Big Textile Workers Union of America said twenty locals of American Woolen Co.—all that were involved in the strike—ratified an agreement calling for a twenty percent wage increase and a 40-hour week.

An additional 50,000 workers in 140 other mills which were strike-bound for a month are expected to accept the new agreement this week-end.

Joseph Smith, personnel director of American Woolen, said the firm had not received official notification of the settlement but added:

"We're preparing for Monday."

Blip On Italian Ship Kills Seven

NAPLES, Italy—A violent explosion aboard the 10,000-ton Italian ship Montezoro in Naples harbor yesterday killed seven and wounded 20.

The blast that set off a burning oil tank. Fear that a second oil tank might explode caused authorities to order the ship to be towed to the wharf where the ship was undergoing repairs.

The stern portion of the ship was partially sunk by the blast. About 100 workmen, besides the crew, were aboard at the time.

Red Effort To Halt Push Is Smashed

Biggest Artillery Exchange Of War

By OLEN CLEMENTS

United Nations troops overkilled desperate Reds in a roaring artillery duel on the Korean war front today and then crashed ahead for new gains.

The Reds threw their heaviest artillery out of the war, 50 shells to one of the United Nations.

The drive carried an American division into high ground north of Hongchon, an important road hub 20 miles south of Parallel 38.

Earlier Friday the Reds abruptly halted their eight-day retreat on the central front. They turned on the Allies with their heaviest artillery barrage yet.

Then came the roaring American echo.

PLANES JOIN

United Nations warplanes joined in the blast with rockets, firebombs and machine guns.

The Allied answer to the Communist barrage was a steady stream of most of Friday.

Front dispatches did not identify the U. S. troops in the action. Nor did they give the distance of the American advance.

But they said that Chinese Communists had thrown reserves into the fight north of Hongchon. Elements of the 39th and 40th Chinese Communist armies (corps) were identified in action there. The units last were reported farther east on February 10.

"The defense line the Reds were trying to set up was roughly 20 miles long and stretched from the coast to separate Communist North and republican South Korea.

Elsewhere along the fighting front, Red positions crumbled. Allied infantry moved northward. The U. S. force east of Seoul and captured high ground.

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