

**Big Boom**  
An 800-ton ship was exploded in September, says the report. It will be "very" powerful as its half-tonnage as powerful as its predecessor. See their editorial on the editorial page, 6A.

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## 52 LOST IN CRASH

# Singer Permitted To Visit Injured Mate After Delay

By TOM CHASE

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (U)—San Juan police barred singer Jose Juan from the beach of his pilot husband, Capt. John C. Burn, for several hours today but finally released him and permitted him to see him. He is one of 52 survivors of a Pan-American Airways plane crash yesterday in which 22 persons perished.

Police had kept her away on orders of District Attorney Zola Ponce Colon, who questioned Burn about yesterday's tragedy just outside San Juan harbor. The district attorney hinted Burn would be released shortly, but gave no reason for ordering him held incommunicado.

## MISUNDERSTANDING

Later, however, the district attorney said it was all a misunderstanding and that guards were outside Burn's door for his own protection. He did not say what the guards twice kept him from. The guards twice kept him from the room in which his husband was recovering from bruises. But four hours after she arrived they finally let her in. She was escorted with him an hour and three-quarters. After a brief interview for reporters and photographers, the conference resumed.

A notary arrived and Colon announced Burn was signing a statement which would be forwarded to Gov. Luis Munoz Marin and held until federal investigations of the crash are complete.

Thirteen bodies were picked up near the scene of the crash, three miles outside San Juan harbor, putting the toll of presumed dead at 32.

A near miracle saved the 17 who escaped alive after the plane plunged into 10-foot waves five days ago and broke apart. Burn and his four fellow crewmen were among those saved.

According to eyewitnesses, Burn was something of a hero in yesterday's crash. He helped launch five of the four high-powered plane tanks, and urged everyone to get to life preservers, few minutes later.

See SINGER on page 5A

# Union Shop Issue Rocks Steel Peace

WASHINGTON (U)—The compulsory union membership issue was reported today to be the main stumbling block in the agreement between the steel industry and the government, and between the government and CIO President Philip Murray.

Steel companies and the government could not agree on the union shop issue. This would require all steelworkers to belong to the union shop.

Some firms were reported willing to give Murray a full realization of the union shop, others still were holding out against it.

## UNION IN WARNING

The union's executive board bluntly warned last night that its patience was "not inexhaustible."

If the union was to make a contract, the government should do so as a strike is to be avoided.

"The time is overdue," the union's executive board said in a statement, "for a new agreement on the steel stabilization board's recommendations."

The WSA's proposals, related by steel companies, call for a 174-cent pay boost, the union shop and other benefits estimated by the industry to be worth an extra 32-cent hourly pay worker. The workers now have average earnings of about \$3 an hour.

President Truman's administration, which asked the steel industry last Tuesday, was reported to be perfectly willing to give Murray the WSA's "money" but unwilling to grant the union shop—a matter frequently criticized in Congress.

With Murray standing fast on the union shop and a full realization of WSA's recommendations, the steel industry, as the eventual employer of the workers, now the government, is being given the union shop "security" issue.

Unions have always wanted union shop "security"; employers have consistently resisted it, contending (1) unions would get too strong, and (2) certain workers opposed to unionism may be required against their will to be union members.

What was reported to be under consideration in the steel negotiations was the "modified union shop" allowing present workers a choice in joining or refraining from joining a union, but requiring all future employees to be members.

The government, sponsored legislation, recessed for the Easter week-end until Monday afternoon. There have been some news.

## OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm today, with a light breeze. Scattered showers and thunderstorms and not quite so warm Sunday. Expect a high today 75 degrees, low 55 degrees. Highest yesterday, 83 degrees. Lowest this morning, 57 degrees.

Source: 5:35 A. M. report, 6:30 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 5A

## CLOUD-HEAT

We know that when water vapor in the atmosphere condenses into rain, the process sets free heat. This heat is the first place to go in the change of state.

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# NATIONWIDE PHONE STRIKE CONSIDERED

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# Union Officials Meeting In Capital To Discuss Action

By JERRY T. BAULCH

WASHINGTON (U)—Top officials of the CIO Communications Workers went into session today to discuss the possibility of calling a nationwide telephone strike.

It would be aimed at forcing the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. to come to terms with about 45,000 striking Bell telephone workers in Ohio, California and New Jersey and 15,000 Western Electric workers in 43 states.

The five-day walkout already has reduced service in the 43 states, some 200,000 non-striking workers refusing to cross picket lines thrown up around Bell telephone exchanges. Western Electric is a manufacturing subsidiary of A.T.&T., which also controls Bell in three states.

Joseph A. Beirne, union president, called the session here to consider a full-fledged showdown.

PICKETS REMAIN

Even though we have settled our strike against the Michigan Bell Company, Western Electric pickets will remain in the state and elsewhere across the country," he said.

This was taken to mean Michigan Bell workers would not cross the Western Electric picket lines.

Beirne pointed out that telephone workers were on strike in Ohio, Northern California and New Jersey.

Michigan's shutdown was settled yesterday on the basis of a 12.7-cent hourly pay hike instead of the 23 cents the union demanded. Beirne said this settlement would be used as a general pattern in other strikes.

Failure to get such agreements, he added, would result in a generalization of the strike over the nation.

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BACHELOR CANDIDATE AND THREE ADMIRERS



Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, Democratic Presidential aspirant, is shown here with his three sisters, any one of whom may become the official White House

hostess should Russell, a bachelor, become President. Left to right: Mrs. Ralph Sharpton; Sen. Russell; Mrs. S. Gordon Green; and Mrs. Jean K. Story. (United Press Telephoto.)

# Allies Repulse Enemy Attacks

SEATTLE, Korea (U)—United Nations infantrymen repulsed Red probing attacks all along the 150-mile Korean battle front last night and early today as the ground war flared anew after a two-day lull.

Red forces, which had been probing the UN positions since Friday, were repulsed in a series of attacks along the front.

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# Hundreds Homeless In Missouri Flood

OMAHA, Neb. (U)—Tons of mud, bubbling mass of yellow mud, rolled relentlessly at flood levels and higher along nearly 1,000 miles of the Missouri River today.

The unprecedented flood crest, which dealt a smashing blow to the capital city of Pierre at midday, fell in South Dakota. It was two days away from Sioux City, Ia., its next major target, and about five days away from the Omaha-Council Bluffs, a metropolitan area some 100 miles below Sioux City.

Many homeless