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City Bus Workers Strike As Contract Parley Fails

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunter)

Cars Were Jammed In Midtown But Police Said Bus Strike Had Little Effect On Traffic

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunter)

Linda Enloe, Like Many Others, Catches A Ride

WORLD NEWS

Floods Kill 25

PARIS (AP) — Flash floods took the lives of at least 25 persons in South Central France last night, the government reported. Hundreds of homes were reported under as much as six feet of water.

Teachers Strike

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)— About 3,000 primary school teachers in the western wing of Pakistan went on strike today. Negotiations with the government broke down on demands for a pay increase, security in service and regular monthly payments.

3 Hurt In Ambush

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Three British soldiers were wounded late last night when a military ambulance and an escorting vehicle were ambushed near Erimi Village, 10 miles west of Limassol.

5 Hotels Struck

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh's first major hotel strike since 1946 crippled five of the city's biggest hotels today. Representatives of two unions ordered 2,300 service employes off the job at 1:40 a.m. after rejecting a last-minute offer by the hotel operators.

Marines Depart

BEIRUT (AP)—The last U. S. Marine battalion in Lebanon sailed early today for a rendezvous with the U. S. 6th Fleet. The 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, is to remain with the fleet in the Mediterranean. It consists of 1,500 men.

Deserter's Term Cut Once More

VERDUN, France — (AP) — Pvt. Wayne Powers, the Chillicothe, Mo., GI who hid out for 14 years in his French girl friend's home after deserting during the war, will be released from prison Oct. 9, the Army announced today.

He will have served a little more than two months of the six-month sentence imposed after he pleaded guilty before an Army court-martial to a desertion charge. Powers will be escorted to Strasbourg tomorrow to receive a U.S. passport. The passport will enable him to obtain a French residence permit. He has said he wants to remain in France after his prison term.

The Army court-martial sentenced Powers to 10 years, but Brig. Gen. Robert J. Fleming Jr., commander of the advance section of the U. S. Army communications zone, later reduced this to six months. The further reduction by Gen. Fleming had been expected.

During his hiding in the little village of Mont d'Origny in northern France, Powers fathered five children by Yvette Beleuse. Miss Beleuse supported the family by going out to work in a textile mill while Powers stayed home and did the housework.

During the trial Aug. 1, Powers told reporters:

"If everything goes the way it should, I'll be back with Yvette and the kids in a month or two."

He said he planned to return to his family.

—LITTLE TARDINESS, TRAFFIC TiEUP—

Bus Strike Inconvenience At Minimum

The City of Charlotte didn't close down today because of the City Coach Lines bus strike.

The heart of Charlotte missed a couple of early morning beats, but things remained pretty normal.

There were a few changes. Shoppers didn't rush to the downtown area, school children were a little late. Douglas Aircraft experienced some tardiness, auto traffic was fairly heavy and there were a few more traffic accidents than usual.

But otherwise, it was hard to tell the city was "gripped" by a "crippling" bus strike.

SOME INCONVENIENCE

It was inconvenient, however. Fifty-two thousand riders sought other modes of transportation, and it wasn't always easy to find. Taxi firms reported heavy business. A Baker Cab Co. official said, "We've got everything that runs running."

City schools reported good attendance, even with an early morning downpour.

City Coach operates 40 buses for school youngsters and these were idle, too. At Myers Park High School, where a good percentage of students ride buses, absenteeism was up about 30 pupils, but many of these got to school late. Other schools reported some tardiness, but there was no marked increase.

SLIGHT TARDINESS

Douglas Aircraft Co. reported tardiness at 2.5 per cent, an increase over the usual figures, and that slightly more employes than usual did not show up for work. Car pools dominate the transportation there, so the strike is not expected to cause much concern at the Nike plant.

Lance Inc. workers who come in on a 6:25 a.m. shift showed up as usual. Southern Bell experienced only two late arrivals among its telephone operators.

City police reported 11 wrecks between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Traffic Capt. James Stegall said this is about a 50 per cent increase over a normal day, although there are usually more wrecks on a rainy day.

Capt. Stegall said traffic in the downtown area was normal throughout the morning. Parking lots were not crowded.

"I believe that people who didn't have to go downtown stayed at home today because they were afraid of traffic jams," he said.

Capt. Stegall said he anticipated more wrecks and heavy traffic during late afternoon peak hours.

In one wreck involving three vehicles this morning, a two-year-old girl and her mother were injured.

Officer Lee Williams said Teresa Lynn Cook, 3114 Hoit St., suffered a lacerated forehead in the wreck. He said the child was thrown from the car. Her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Faye Cook, 21, received body bruises and an arm injury.

Williams said Mrs. Cook was turning into Shamrock Dr., off The Plaza, and a milk truck hit her car. The impact knocked the car into another car.

Police said Thomas Jerry Gibson, 22, Mount Holly, driver of the truck, was charged with running a red light. Over $1,000 damage was reported to the three vehicles.

Mediator Will Talk To Parties

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

Charlotte's 52,000 daily bus riders gave up the street corners today as the city's bus transportation system was idled by a strike.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, representing drivers and maintenance workers, and Charlotte City Coach Lines ended contract negotiations at 4:10 a.m., in a stalemate — and buses failed to roll at the usual 5 a.m. starting time.

There was no indication early today when union and company officials would get together on further talks. The union rejected the company's final offer today and both sides are awaiting the call from federal labor conciliator D. Yates Heafner for a resumption of contract talks.

Mr. Heafner told The News at noon he planned to talk individually today to union, bus and city officials. He said he had no set plan for resumption of joint talks. It is likely, however, union and company officials will sit down with the state and federal mediators tonight or early tomorrow.

Meanwhile, there was an increase in auto traffic in Charlotte, some absenteeism in schools and plants; and tardiness in both places.

The strike has not, however, had the crippling effect on the city some predicted.

Hastily arranged car pools, taxis and volunteer pick-ups helped ease the problem for many riders.

City Coach Lines employes affected by the strike number 140 drivers and 25 mechanics who drive and maintain 96 buses carrying an estimated 52,000 riders daily.

JACKSONVILLE OFFER

City Coach, through superintendent A. H. Caze, offered the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainman, represented in the negotiations by W. F. Lester, the company's "Jacksonville contract."

The contract calls for an hourly wage of $1.79 an hour for drivers and $1.96 an hour for mechanics. The cash increase would amount to 22 cents per hour to drivers and four cents per hour for mechanics.

The union seeks a one-year 20 cents per hour blanket contract or a two-year contract at a lesser amount. The old contract paid drivers $1.57 plus fringe benefits which brought the hourly wage to $2.23. Mechanics in the top bracket of the contract received $1.92 an hour plus fringe benefits.

UNION PREFERENCE

Lester said the union prefers a two-year pact rather than a one-year contract. The two-year contract would call for 10 cents per hour increase the first year and five cents per hour the second year for both drivers and mechanics.

Both Lester and Caze told The News today they are willing to go back into negotiations as soon as called. It is doubtful, however, that talks will begin again be-

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Contract Talk Inconclusive

DETROIT (AP)—Chrysler Corp. and the United Auto Workers fell short of a contract agreement in another marathon negotiating effort today on the eve of the union's threatened General Motors strike.

An immediate result was the matching of simultaneous GM and Chrysler negotiations later in drives for settlements.

The UAW, signed with Ford but none other of the industry's Big Three, has a General Motors strike set for 11 a.m. Thursday unless a contract is reached before then for GM's 250,000 workers.

More GM and Chrysler negotiations have been set for today.

Overnight Chrysler talks were broken off at 3 a.m. Both sides reported progress but not sufficient for settlement.

The Chrysler talks, reportedly snagged on issues of seniority and salaried employes' pay, went into predawn hours for a second successive day.

Money, Buildings

Private School Support Sought

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Little Rock Private School Corporation appealed today for public contributions, in money and buildings, to operate the high schools as private, segregated institutions.

Dr. T. J. Raney, president of the corporation, announced the new plan at a news conference.

He said a "study and survey of buildings and facilities" already is under way. Raney said the new plan is contingent on the ruling, scheduled Monday, of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

"If the court enjoins our use of the high school buildings, leased from the Little Rock School district, we will immediately begin school in other quarters," Raney said.

Raney named President Eisenhower as one of those who is "leading our nation to destruction."

Raney issued a prepared statement which read:

THE STATEMENT

"Next Monday, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals will decide whether the injunction issued against the Little Rock Private School Corporation is to be continued in effect. Pending that decision, we will conduct a survey of facilities and buildings which will be available for use in operating private, segregated schools.

"Then, if the court enjoins our use of the high school buildings, leased from the Little Rock School District, we will immediately begin school in other quarters.

"In addition to this preparatory work, we are studying several plans for public appeals for funds to meet the cost of operating the schools.

"We firmly believe that any interference with our lease of the high school buildings by the federal government is illegal and constitutes further usurpation of the right of the State of Arkansas and its political subdivision, the Little Rock School District, to exercise the rights of ownership over their properties.

"PRECIOUS THING"

"The right of ownership is a precious thing, and certainly no one can argue that the leasing of a building for a school is an unlawful act.

"Thus the crisis of state's rights (of which integration of the public schools is but a facet) is brought into sharper focus. Federal government officials, from the President on down, who are working with the NAACP in this program, must somehow be made to understand that the course they have chosen is leading our nation to destruction.

"There is no future for our children if we now seek to approach this grave situation through a program of appeasement of the Daisy Bateses . . . and their kind.

"We have chosen our course and as long as the people of Little Rock and our public officials give us their support, there will be no turning back. Let us hold our heads high and continue to be proud of our cause and our

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Many Intangibles

Crusade Impact Strong In City

(Yesterday the News, in the first of two articles, described what Charlotte means to Billy Graham, the local boy who came back home to conduct one of America's all-time successful crusades. Today the News explores what the Billy Graham Crusade means to Charlotte.)

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

There is no yardstick for measuring the effect of the Billy Graham Crusade in Charlotte and the Carolinas.

There are many tangibles which may be measured later, and many more spiritual intangibles which may never be measured.

Even if there were a yardstick, it would be too early to judge accurately the full effect.

But one thing is certain today. There has already been a marked effect on the Carolinas and Charlotte in many ways.

These are easily seen now.

An informal street poll in one neighborhood revealed eight out of ten people know the answer to the question: Who is appearing at the coliseum now?

MOST ATTEND

The same people could tell you of the large crowds at the coliseum and at least four had attended a crusade meeting and at least two more planned to attend one before the crusade ends in two or three weeks.

A check of coffee break conversation in downtown Charlotte finds Billy Graham competing well with football as a leading topic of conversation.

A check of churches shows that it may be a reality at least one or two or three people from 900 churches within a 50-mile radius of Charlotte have already attended one meeting at the coliseum.

A check in schools reveals children are talking about Dr. Graham and a surprisingly large number have been to hear him.

There is no way to judge church attendance, ministers say. Last Sunday was promotion day in churches and attendance is always good on this Sunday. Next Sunday may be a better day to judge, but preachers expect attendance to remain high.

However, it is a fact that

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Lawmen Press Hunt For Trio

AIKEN, S. C. (AP) — Aiken County authorities, confronted today with their second armed holdup in less than 24 hours, sent out a by armed prison escapees who fled ly-armed prison escapees who fled the Beaufort, S. C., County Jail early Tuesday.

Aiken Sheriff Wyman Busch said a man and a woman were held up by two men about 1 a.m. today in a wooded area near Clearwater in Horse Creek Valley. Busch said the only details obtained so far are that two men forced the couple to turn over $33 at gunpoint.

Busch said a concentrated search in the Horse Creek Valley section was called off after a tip that the men were holed up in a wooded area proved to be false.

Aiken and Beaufort authorities are conducting the manhunt.

Our Weather

Cloudy and turning cooler with rain gradually ending tonight. Tomorrow, fair to partly cloudy and cool.

High yesterday 79
High expected today 75
High expected tomorrow .. 70
Low this morning 68
Low expected tonight 50
Sunrise, 6:17 a.m.; sunset, 6:07 p.m.

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Evening Prayer

O God, help us to keep our hearts in tune with Thee, that we, indeed, may hear Thy voice and obey Thy commands. Grant us this day the joy of complete surrender to Thy will. In the Redeemer's name and for His sake we ask it. . . Amen.

—BRIGHTER SIDE OF THE NEWS—

'Smooch Lines' Still Taboo In Kansas

(From AP Reports)

"Smooch lines" still are taboo at Kansas State College.

Formerly, students lined up for a kiss at the announcement of engagements, marriages or pinnings at sorority houses. A flu epidemic last year brought restrictions on such activities.

College officials said the ban holds this year. Danger of infection, y'know.

Poor Beggar

"I beg for mercy, Judge," said Arles W. Wilson at his arraignment before Detroit Recorder Paul E. Krause on a charge of begging.

"You're a mighty poor beggar," replied Judge Krause, and sentenced Wilson to 45 days in jail.

Sad Samaritan

Four-year-old Kent Swanberg of Grand Rapids, Mich., ran to the rescue when his cat caught a mouse.

He grabbed the mouse from the cat's jaws, but the unappreciative mouse bit the boy.

Kent received a tetanus shot and the cat polished off the mouse.

Machine Conquered

Students at Michigan State University are beating the machine age with foreign sports cars.

The little imports are low enough to scoot under the gates of mechanized parking lots, and their drivers have been enjoying free parking.

Worth $1,000

Robert J. Cowan of Louisville, Ky., is $1,000 richer because two of his checks bounced.

Cowan sued his bank, contending $116 he deposited was improperly accredited to another account. Later, he said, the bank refused to honor two of his checks in the erroneous belief he had no funds.

A jury yesterday awarded him $1,000.

Ike Urges School Order Compliance

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today called on all Americans to comply with the Supreme Court's school integration rulings lest there be "grave consequences" to the nation.

Eisenhower sounded the call—to both public officials and private citizens alike—at a news conference.

He was asked whether, in the light of the court's decisions, Arkansas and Virginia should reopen their closed schools on an integrated basis without being forced into it by the federal government.

Eisenhower had anticipated such questions. He pulled out a prepared statement and read it.

"The Supreme Court, in its opinion rendered Monday, once again has spoken with unanimity on the matter of equality of opportunity for education in the nation's public schools. It is encumbent upon all Americans, public officials and private citizens alike, to recognize their duty of complying with the rulings of the highest court in the land. Any other course, as I have said before, would be fraught with grave consequences to our nation," it said.

"Americans have always been proud that their institutions rest on the concept of equal justice under law. We must never forget that the rights of all of us depend upon respect for the lawfully determined rights of each of us. As one nation, we must assure to all our people, whatever their color or creed, the enjoyment of

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