RAILSTRIKESE ON TRUMAN PROPOSAL

Truman To Ask Cooling Off Draft Law To **Curb Strikes**

President Ready To Appeal For Special Labor Measure

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House Rules Committeenhers said today President Truman will ask Congress afternoon for legislation making it a Federal offense to against the Government and permitting the draftin

Great New York

Stations Empty

Appeal Unheeded

Plan Voted

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May Run Trains

Strike's End

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Strike Curb Senate Hits At

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Navy Finds Experienced

Effective June 30

Congress Group Would Eliminate

Railway Men

Ceiling On Meat

Respond To Appeal

Only A Few Rail Workers Return

May Recruit Rail Workers

Coal Terms Truce Expires At Midnight

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Government

so was understood to include some type of health and wel-fare fund for the 400,000 bi-tuminous coal miners.

Announcement Made Public By Steelman

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—John R. Steelman labor consultant to President Truman announced today the rail-road strike has been settled.

Steelman said the settlement was on the basis of resident Truman's proposal of May 22.

Steelman made his announcement to reporters at a countown hotel as Mr. Truman personally asked a joint ession of Congress for emergency strike legislation.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Leaders of the striking railway trainmen and engineers totaly offered President Truman a proposal for ending their rail strike, as the chief of another big rail brotherhood issued a call to his men to "get this transportation moving." — Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters it was "unlikely" that Mr. Truman would reply to the strikers offer, which was made on the condition they be allowed to negotiate further.

David B. Robertson, head of the Brotherhood of Locondive Firemen, told reporters he is sending a telegram to his 120,000 members instructing them to get on the job immediately and "get this transportation moving." ENGINEERS WILL WORK

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Roberts in said his union includes 40,000 engineers who
did not go on strike and now will run trains for the Gov-

ernment.

Robertson's union is one of the eighteen non-striking brotherhoods who earlier today came to a contract agreement with the carriers, by Government mediation.

He severely criticized A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Alvanley Johnston, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, for calling the railroad strike.

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"This situation they have created." Roberston said. "is nothing but a personal matter. Whitney is the leader and Johnson is merely following along. They are men reaching and grasping for power."

"We are going to get this transportation moving and enable the reconversion program to go ahead. Johnston and Whitney are 100 per cent wrong." Robertson concluded.

At 2:40 P. M. Ross told White House reporters that he Whitney-Johnston letter containing their back-to-work fifer was still on the President's desk. He said that while fr. Truman had glanced at it he had not had an oppor-unity to read it.

"Certainly there will be no comment on it today," Ross "We will work for the Government." Whitney and Johnston told the President, who earlier in the day had broken off relations with them.

This break in their hitherto firm stand against sending the men back to work came just before a Presidential media-tor announced a contract agreement between the eighteen railway unions which are not on strike.

It preceded by several hours the 4 P. M. (EST), joint session of Congress at which Mr. Truman prepared to ask special labor legislation.

Here's what Whitney and Johnston put up to the Pres-

"Our men await only your word that they can return to work for the Government on the basis of the award of your emergency board (made last month), that is the seven rule changes, with appropriate interpretations, and 16 cents an hour increase to be effective Jan. 1, 1946, if you. Mr. President, will allow us to negotiate with you further concerning any other fairways increase."

Text Of Railroad Union Letter To President Offering To Work

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