

# End of Housing Shortage This Year Seen By Industry

## Higher Rent Bill Urged

### To Speed Movement

**'Buyer's Market' Is Predicted**

By STERLIE F. GREEN  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — With industry spokesmen predicting the housing shortage will be whipped this year, a group of Senate Republicans offered a higher-rent measure as one way to speed the lack.

Extension of rent control to the end of 1947 with a 15 per cent increase in rent ceilings was proposed by Senator Hawke, New York, and three GOP colleagues—McCarthy, Wisconsin, Kan. Washington, and Malone, Nevada. Hawke said the measure was being prepared for introduction shortly.

Under the Senator's plan no ceiling would apply on newly-built houses or accommodations which have not been erected in the past year.

The latter provision, Hawke predicted to reporters, would induce many people to rent living quarters in the city which they have hesitated to open up "because they didn't want to bother with the responsibility of Government control."

## Counter-Proposals U. S. Steel Hits A Both Sides And Union Shops

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The U. S. Steel Corp., submitting counter proposals to the CIO Union Steelworkers in contract negotiations today, announced it was insisting on the "employee's fundamental right to determine for himself whether he should be a member of the union.

A corporation spokesman said the management stand was in opposition to both the closed shop and union shop. The present status at U. S. Steel plants is a union shop which employees must join the union after they are hired, if not already members. In the closed shop employees must be union members as a pre-requisite to getting hired.

The corporation also announced it is "insisting on retaining full management control over hiring, termination of employment, wages, incentives, maintenance of discipline and similar matters beyond the control of the union."

The corporation proposed further for five largest steel producing subsidiaries that the parties agree to a no-strike no-lockout pledge, with penalties for failures or abrogations of this pledge.

It also asked compulsory arbitration of grievances arising under the contract, with the functionary arbitrator limited to determinations involving interpretation, application or compliance with contract provisions.

The corporation's proposals dealt virtually exclusively with economic or non-economic matters because, the corporation said, of the "portals" extending present contracts until April 30.

The corporation proposed that existing "portal-to-portal" contracts be further clarified by legislation of further court decisions by April 30.

## GOP Seeks 10 Per Cent Budget Cut

**Study Made By Committeemen**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Republicans aimed today at a minimum 10 per cent slice in President Truman's \$37,500,000 budget.

Chairman Bridges, Republican, New Hampshire, of the Senate Appropriations Committee said a study of the financial situation has convinced him and other party leaders that the Senate-House Committee charged with making expenses meet income will have to fix an arbitrary limit for expenditures.

This should be at least 10 per cent below the President's figure, the New Hampshire Senator told a reporter.

The joint committee gets down to work tomorrow as part of a week's schedule that includes expending House passage Wednesday of a measure extending the wartime excise taxes. These otherwise would be wiped out July 1 under President Truman's proclamation ending the war.

The President himself asked for the excise tax legislation and thus appears likely to have one of his own requests signed swiftly by the Republican Congress.

Senate hearings on Mr. Truman's nominations for Atomic Commission members, beginning Monday, start attention tomorrow with Secretary of Labor Schweitzer's appearance before the Labor Committee on industrial disputes legislation. The same day, a Commerce Subcommittee has called Army and Navy members to discuss commercial air safety regulations.

The budget question, however, continued to provide the possibility of a major centric very between Congressional Republicans and Democrats, with porters ready to resist any change in the President's recommendations.

Bridges said he thinks some allowances must be made for the possibility that the Treasury will have to make extensive refunds on ports of partial port judgments that might be obtained against the Treasury.

The portal to portal issue is in support of a Judiciary Subcommittee headed by Senator Charles McNary, Mass., with indications that some legislation may be sent to the floor this week.

The Treasury already has announced that tax refunds will be in order if employers are required to pay the unemployment tax by workers in getting ready to carry out their duties.

Bridges said this might increase the approximately \$2,000,000,000 in the Treasury's estimate for refunds of all kinds, but Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, said he doubts that any appreciable amount will have to be paid.

"These portal to portal suits are a tremendous worry to industry," said George, who is a member of the Senate budget committee and former chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "But I don't believe they are going to result in anything but a recovery of the people who have been suing."

George previously estimated that the Government would save \$35,000,000,000, thereby differing with Democratic Leader Barkley's estimate of \$30,000,000,000.

## Tragedy In Denmark Crash Kills Grace Moore, Swedish Prince, 20 Others

By LASSE LEMKOW  
COPENHAGEN — (AP) — Danish authorities claimed a weight limit today on DC-3 transport planes 1,629 pounds less than the overall load of the airliner which crashed and burned yesterday killing Grace Moore of the opera, Swedish Prince Gustaf Adolf and 20 others.

M. R. Eskildsen, Danish Air Control Supervisor, said DC-3 planes leaving Danish fields must not in the future be loaded to weigh more than 11,450 kilograms (25,243 pounds). The ill-fated airliner which left Kastrup Airport yesterday had a weight of 12,189 kilograms (26,872 pounds).

The Royal Dutch Airline plane (KLM), which was loaded with 121 passengers, was carrying a large cargo load of 12,300 kilograms (27,117 pounds).

Jan's All The World's Aircraft, a standard aviation reference work, lists the weight of the American-built Douglas DC-3 at 25,000 pounds.

**HOYI BURNED**

Miss Moore's body, like all the others except the Prince, was buried and broken beyond recognition. The plane which had been completely that it appeared to be a metal structure, but it was found to have a tangle of wire and other possible mechanical defects.

As the investigation is in progress, the investigation is in progress.



GRACE MOORE... A Charlotte News staff photo made when she was in Charlotte several years ago.

## Senate Gives Approval To 18 Of His Appointees

**State Treasurer Ties Up Funds**

ATLANTA — (AP) — Herman Talmadge won a fresh test of strength as disputed Governor of Georgia today when the State Senate confirmed eighteen of his appointments.

The approval was given in executive session, in the face of a flat declaration by State Treasurer George B. Hamilton that he would disburse no funds to appointive department heads of either claimant of the Governorship, whether they had Senate confirmation or not.

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## Two Britons Kidnaped Palestine Jews Put Under Curfew

JERUSALEM — (AP) — Two kidnappings of Britons resulted in the placing of 90,000 Palestine Jews under house arrest today, and British military forces postponed the hanging scheduled tomorrow.

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## Lea Act Defended

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Justice Department today asked the Supreme Court to reverse a decision in the Lea case, which has been sometimes referred to as "The Anti-Petroleum law."

An appeal filed with the high tribunal by George T. Washington, Acting Solicitor General, urged the court to reverse immediately the findings by Judge Walter J. LaBuy of the U. S. District Court in Chicago.

**PETROLIO VICTORY**

Judge LaBuy's ruling was a victory for the oil industry, president of the A.P.L. Federation of Musicians has been indicted in violation of the act by filing a strike at a Chicago radio station. The strike was in support of a demand that the station hire additional musicians. The station extended extra help.

The act was passed by Congress to prohibit compelling any person to broadcast any advertising or to hire more employees than are needed "to perform actual broadcast."

Judge LaBuy said the act violated the First and Thirteenth Amendments.

The Justice Department's appeal states that the act is unconstitutional. It "represents the deliberate judgment of Congress as to the extension of an anti-trust law to the broadcast system of the nation, and is the best method of remedying such evil."

"The very fact that the decision here nullifies an act which Congress deemed necessary for the welfare of the nation, in itself establishes the substantiality of the question involved," the appeal continued.

## 54 Victims Of Crashes

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Airplane crashes at home and abroad over the week-end caused the death of 54 persons, including the American Sopranos Grace Moore and Swedish Prince Gustaf Adolf.

The search planes were sent out today to find a Chinese National Aviation Corp. passenger plane in a crash near Lianyungang, China from Canton to Chungking. The Chinese National Aviation Corp. plane had been found with eighteen aboard dead, but later said the report was incorrect based on a misinterpretation of a coded message from its Chungking bureau.

Miss Moore and the Prince were among 22 persons killed at Copenhagen, Denmark, when a British (KLM) plane crashed and burned yesterday at its takeoff for London.

From 17 to 21 persons were reported aboard a Chinese National Aviation Corp. plane which crashed on flight from Hsinking to Chungking, China.

**THE WRECKER**

The four crew members were killed and the bodies were scattered when the plane crashed into the water. The wreckage was found when another plane crashed into a peak on the island of Hong Kong off the China coast.

On Saturday, twelve persons died in a crash near Lianyungang, China. The wreckage was found when another plane crashed into a peak on the island of Hong Kong off the China coast.

In the United States, five men were killed in a crash near New York City. The wreckage was found when another plane crashed into a peak on the island of Hong Kong off the China coast.

## Behind The Urals Thinks Russians Build Atom Plant

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator McMahon, Democrat, Connecticut, said today he suspects Russia is developing "an atomic fission plant" in the Ural Mountains while American and Soviet officials are debating plans for worldwide atomic control and disarmament.

The former chairman of the special committee on atomic energy added in a speech prepared for Senate delivery that he is "convinced that Russia is producing atomic energy and that it is producing knowledge for atomic control" immediately or face eventual destruction of the world.

McMahon, who three months ago proposed a compromise control plan designed to get around Russia's insistence upon the right of veto, pleaded anew for its acceptance.

"For example," McMahon continued, "it is in the interest of our own security to get inspectors behind the back walls now so that we know what is going on now, before it becomes possible for us to be shocked into awareness by the sudden explosion of an atomic bomb in our midst."

**OTHERS WORKING**

"Others who have no way of knowing what is going on behind the back walls now are those who are working on the development of atomic weapons or how far they have advanced. But this much we do know. Other nations are working night and day on the exact knowledge we become prey to fear and suspicion."

"For example," McMahon continued, "a news report out of the Soviet Union not long ago stated that the Soviet Union had developed a new type of atomic bomb. Peter Kapitza, had been sent to Siberia as punishment for some crime. It seems obvious to me that a more likely explanation is that the Soviet Union is working on the development of atomic weapons or how far they have advanced. But this much we do know. Other nations are working night and day on the exact knowledge we become prey to fear and suspicion."



GRACE MOORE... A Charlotte News staff photo made when she was in Charlotte several years ago.

## Feud Flares In Hearing

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A long-time feud between Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, and David E. Keenan, Republican, Kentucky, flared in an exchange of words today at a Senate Committee hearing on Lillenthal's nomination to head the Atomic Energy Commission.

McKellar, invited as a guest speaker, told Lillenthal that "you know nothing in the world about splitting the atom" and should have been a member of the Senate Committee hearing on Lillenthal's nomination to head the Atomic Energy Commission.

Lillenthal, former head of the Tennessee Valley Authority, turned the issue over to face McKellar and snapped:

"I'll say this: Lillenthal said 'I did not know how to keep out of it.' He failed. The charge took place at the end of a hearing by the Senate Committee on the nomination of Lillenthal. McKellar previously had called Lillenthal 'the head Communist of my State.'"

Lillenthal told the group he thought the Atomic Control Commission would be "foolhardy" if it disregarded national defense as its prime objective in the present era of international tensions.

## Reds Ignore U. S. Move Dairy Co-Op Fined \$25,000

LONDON — (AP) — Russia turned a diplomatic cold shoulder today to an informal American suggestion that the United States and the Soviet Union sign a "peace state" on Germany, foregoing a formal treaty.

The American proposal, a Soviet memorandum to the Western members of the four-power Big Four Ministers Conference proposed instead that the major powers draft a formal treaty, sponsored a peace conference to approve it, and then submit it for ratification by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Under the Soviet plan, the Council of Foreign Ministers would write the final treaty text after hearing suggestions at an international conference in Geneva, Belgium. The plan would be submitted to Allied nations who declared war but did not put forces in the field. They would note to the German State.

The Soviet note said a peace conference should be called only when a central organization is established which is recognized as suitable to accept a treaty.

American sources said a clarification of the memorandum would be sought.

## Dairy Co-Op Fined \$25,000

NEW YORK — (AP) — Federal Judge Alton C. Isaacs today fined a \$25,000 against the Dairymen's League Co-Operative Association and fined \$1,000 each against four officers of the Association to punish the group for failing to furnish a criminal information charging manipulation of the New York City market to fix the January, 1947 milk price.

## Divulged In Letter Truman Personally Made Decision To Use Atom Bomb Against Japan

BOSTON — (AP) — President Truman personally made the decision to use the atomic bomb against Japan.

He divulged this in a letter to Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, published in the February issue of the Atlantic Monthly.

Commenting on Dr. Compton's article, Truman said "hundreds of thousands—perhaps several millions of lives, both American and Japanese" and shortened the war several months, Mr. Truman wrote:

## Mickey Rooney And Wife Part

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (AP) — Mrs. E. M. Rose, mother of Mrs. Mickey Rooney, confirmed reports today that the motion picture actor and her daughter "have agreed to live apart."

**WEATHER**

Fair and rather warm this morning. Partly cloudy and light. Tuesday partly cloudy and continue warm.

Temperature at 2:30 today... 62  
High and low for last 24 hours... 64-47  
Sunrise today... 6:47  
Sunset tomorrow... 7:32

**WHAT IS A GOOD COW?**

Every cattle man has his own answer to this question. It may be milk output, it may be production of offspring, it may be any one of a number of things. Fred M. Haig, of the University of California, today presents his scientific answer to this question, based on his experience at N. C. State College and his own and other fine farm stories and articles in THE CHARLOTTE NEWS.