

Taft Drive
Supporters of Senator Taft for President are trying to line up convenient votes. Drew Pearson reports in today's Mirror (Opinion page). You'll find it on the editorial page.

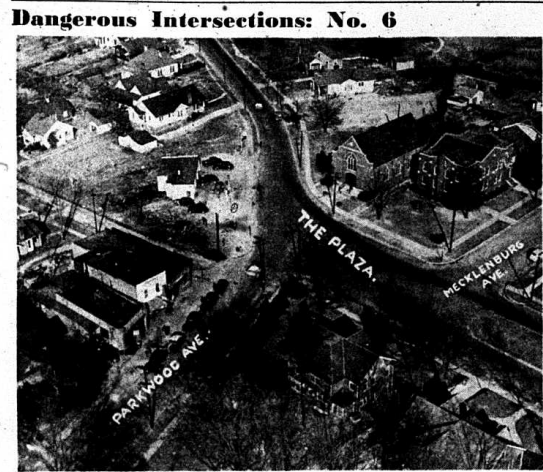
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16 Killed As Blast Wrecks British Club In Jerusalem



Dangerous Intersections: No. 6
BAD CORNER—The traffic stumbling block formed by the intersection of Parkwood Ave. and The Plaza is shown in the picture above. Both streets carry heavy traffic, as does Mecklenburg Ave. which joins The Plaza nearby, and it is often difficult to turn across traffic. Some type of traffic control should be installed here. (Photo by Haskell Deaton Flying Service, Plaza Airport)

First Setback In New Congress

GOP Senators Seek Support For Debt Reduction Limit
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Republican Senate leaders sought today to rally their majority behind a limit of \$2,600,000,000 on public debt reduction in order to leave a good margin for tax cuts in the fiscal year starting July 1.

A hasty week-end adjournment after the leadership's first setback of the 80th Congress carried over to Monday the final decision on this issue and a proposal to cut \$450,000,000 out of President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget.

Democrats engineered the upset last night when they brought the GOP with only 43 of its 51 members on the floor.

The Senate already had voted 82 to 0 to adopt \$2,600,000,000 as the debt reduction figure. It represented a compromise between the \$3,000,000,000 proposed by Senator Knowland, Republican, California, and the \$1,000,000,000 suggested by Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio.

Then Senator Wherry, Republican, Nebraska, the GOP whip, offered an amendment providing that all proceeds from surplus property sales be applied to the public debt. Taft proposed adding a clause which would make it clear any such proceeds would be part of the \$2,600,000,000.

With the help of five Republicans, the Democrats defeated the motion 39 to 38.

The GOP leadership quickly adopted the Senate, leaving Wherry's original amendment still hanging.

Taft estimated surplus property proceeds next year will be a billion dollars. Wherry's amendment "plainly has a cumulative effect," he told newsmen, and if adopted would fix the debt at \$2,600,000,000.

"I think we could correct it in conference," Taft said, "but on the floor we should have the vote to do it here." The object of every Democratic move was to prevent any tax reduction.

Sunday Proclaimed As 'I Am An American Day'
WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today proclaimed Sunday, March 15, as "I Am An American Day." The celebration is an annual commemorative exercise.

17 Injured, 24 Missing In Explosion

Police Battle Attackers
BY JOSEPH C. GOODWIN
JERUSALEM — (AP) — A terrific explosion wrecked a British officers' club in the heart of modern Jerusalem today, and an official announcement said sixteen persons were killed, seventeen were injured and 24 were missing.

Three of the dead—two policemen and a civilian—were killed in bursts of gunfire between attackers and the club.

While rescue parties clawed frantically through blackened debris, police and helmeted troops searched Jewish Agency building and Yeshurun synagogue—both across the street from the club—for the perpetrators of the Sabbath blast.

AREA CORDONED
The area was cordoned, and traffic throughout Jerusalem was at a standstill.

Eye-witnesses said a number of armed men surrounded the club, on fashionable King George Avenue, a few moments before the blast, and exchanged gunfire with guards.

It was not immediately clear whether the bomb was carried into the building or hurled from a passing automobile.

An official report said a group of men drove alongside the building under cover of the fire laid down by the company, and threw explosives through windows into the hall.

Three attackers were believed to have been wounded and captured.

TRUCK FOUND
A truck was found parked about 50 yards from the building, and officers said it might have been used by the attackers in hurling the bomb.

The death toll was greater than in any other one incident in turbulent Holy Land since last July when more than 60 persons were killed in the bombing explosion which wrecked the King David Hotel.

It was the first major act of violence in the Holy Land in recent Palestine history.

A Jewish girl receptionist was among those killed.

Scores of heavily armed rescue workers brought out the bodies, and ambulances whizzed through the streets to rush survivors to hospitals within 20 minutes after the blast.

Capt. Elliott Escapes Death

Charlottean Parachutes From Flaming Bomber

Captain Elliott was listed as another B-29 missing in the Mount Katahdin test drop over Monday.

The amphibian was listed as parachuting from their ship which crashed with an "explosion like Bikini."

The amphibians landed on a lake a mile and a half away and within a short time had located all the airmen who "hit the silk," according to the Associated Press.

Captain Elliott has been reported as the last lost from the Alaskan Command in a week. It was in



CAPT. ELLIOTT

Subcommittee Chairman

GOP Congressman Opposes Aiding Britain In Greece

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Engle, Republican, Michigan, chairman of a House military appropriations subcommittee, today voiced blunt opposition to pulling Britain's "fat out of the fire" in Greece.

Engle's statement was made coincident with reports that the State Department had replied formally to a British note seeking large-scale American aid in preserving the stability of the present Greek Government.

Blythe Wants Issue Settled

Heavy Vote Urged In ABC Election

State Senator Joe Blythe expressed the hope this morning that the coming election on establishing the ABC control system in Mecklenburg County will produce "the biggest vote in Mecklenburg history."

"I would like to see every eligible voter in Mecklenburg County go to the polls and express his preference on this important question," Senator Blythe said.

The President Pro Tem of the senate, who recently blocked a move for a separate city on the question on the grounds that it would be too costly, interjected, and emphasized that he was not taking sides in the controversy.

"I am not going to say anything either for or against the establishment of the city, ever since I first went to the Senate, this question has been bobbing up. I have had many conversations with members on both sides, and I have talked personally with a great many others."

Blythe felt that the question is too big and too important for the members of the General Assembly to attempt to decide it. It is a matter for the people of the City and the County. It is their county, and they have a right to express themselves one way or the other.

"I hope it will be the biggest vote in Mecklenburg history, and I hope the question will be decided by a clearly decisive majority, one way or the other," Mr. Blythe said.

School Strike Parley Called
BUFFALO, N. Y. — (AP) — The President of the City Board of Education called today for an immediate parley of officials of the City School Department and Buffalo teachers' union to settle an effort to reach a settlement of a five-day school strike of 2,400 teachers.

Boy Found In Laundry Bag
PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Searchers today found a seven-year-old boy who fled unclothed through some sub-freezing weather and hid on a neighbor's porch to escape what his father said was a spanking for playing hockey from school.

More Than 140,000 May Walk Out In 35 States

Carolinians Would Be Affected
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
More than 140,000 telephone workers in at least 35 states were reported today in 30-day strike notices filed with the Federal Government in what a union spokesman termed a "co-ordinated program of the National Federation of Telephone Workers."

Strike notices filed to date disclosed by union sources, included workers in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California.

Thomas A. Lambert, president of the Mountain States Federation of Telephone Workers, said the notices were "a mere formality to keep within the law in case negotiations break down." He, and a union officer, noted that the notices were anonymous, said no strike would begin until April, at the earliest.

DATE APPROVED
The National Federation of Telephone Workers' 35-day convention last November in Denver approved April 1 as the date of a 30-day strike in event such action were needed to gain 1947 contract demands of the affiliated groups.

Under the Smith-Connally Labor organizations are required to file a 60-day advance notice of intention to strike. The 30-day notices were being filed were regarded as a mere formality in keeping with the American tradition.

Joseph A. Beltrac, NFWW president, hinted in his testimony before the Senate Labor Committee Feb. 20 that there might be no strike.

"Personally, I would be inclined to arbitrate rather than call a strike," he said.

DEMANDS VARY
Wage demands of the workers in current negotiations vary, two unions in New York and New Jersey said they wanted a 10 percent increase.

Some other unions, including organizations in Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania, are seeking a total of more than 26 percent increase, have asked a 12 wage hike.

Five West Coast unions, however, asked a 25 percent pay raise. A spokesman for the Illinois Telephone Workers said the program of an Illinois member was \$350,000 a year. A New York spokesman said his group ranged from \$25 to \$80.

The spokesman who described the strike as a "co-ordinated program" was the officer of the NFWW-affiliated union in Chicago who asked that his name be withheld.

He said the National Federation of Telephone Workers had the program at the group's last meeting in Denver. He said the plan was for the board either to file with March 1 by affiliated unions "no making progress" in independent bargaining, or to file with the National Bell Telephone companies through the nation.

Students Plan To Strike Monday
MIL CLEMENS — (AP) — Mil CLEMENS High School pupils revolted their previous decision to call off a protest strike to be filed by March 1. They will seek to continue it at a Monday mass meeting of the board.

WEATHER
Rain and no so cold tonight. Sunday clearing and a little colder. Low temperature tomorrow about 35 degrees. Temperature at 1:30 today: 31 High and low at 24 hours: 61-39. Sunrise today. Sunrise tomorrow.