

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Bob Sain tells the story in a special article on page 5-A.

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Western Electric Strikers Go Back To Picket Lines

Telephone Service Is Reduced In Some Areas

Jersey Centers Are Picketed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Striking installations workers of the Western Electric Co. today re-established their picket lines, forcing curtailment of telephone service again in some areas.

In New Jersey, the Bell Telephone Company reported several main exchanges were "heavily picketed" and service was placed on an emergency basis at points where operators refused to cross the picket lines.

Some curtailment also was reported in Illinois, but in New York their pickets went to their homes. The Association of Communication Equipment Workers, claiming members, sent the pickets back to their beats, pending outcome of negotiations here for a strike settlement. The lines were withdrawn temporarily last week.

DEADLINE PASSES

An eighteen-hour negotiating conference failed to beat the 4 A. M. (local time) deadline set by ACEW for restoration of the lines.

It is one of the few unions still at odds with the Bell System as the strike entered its seventh week. The contract negotiations broke up at 3 A. M. (4 A. M. EST) today.

Ernest Weaver, ACEW president, said his order for resumption of picketing remained in effect.

John Murray, a Labor Department mediator, announced only this:

At 4:30 A. M. the company submitted a wage proposal. The conference recessed at 5 A. M. until late today, at which time the union will make a reply to the company's offer.

Neither the Labor Department, Western Electric nor the ACEW would say what the proposal was. The company said it offered pay increases of seven, eight, and nine cents an hour, to be effective in three months. The union demanded 15 cents across the country.

Two other Western Electric unions — representing some 27,000 workers — reached agreements yesterday and early today. They provided pay bonus averaging about 1 1/2 cents an hour and contain provisions for a new contract.

A settlement of the installation workers' dispute would have paved the way to peace in virtually the whole telephone industry after a six-week strike.

Aside from the Western Electric strike, the last time that a national telephone strike of 340,000 workers which started April 7 is a strike of a few thousand workers in the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

No Picketing In Charlotte Area

F. A. Pinley, acting district manager of Southern Bell here, said today that all employees were back on duty with the company in Charlotte and that, as far as he was concerned, no more picketing will be done here by Western Electric workers who are on strike.

An announcement was made in Birmingham, Ala., yesterday that the strike of a few thousand workers in the Southern Bell system resumed picketing in nine South-eastern states.

HAWAIIAN PLOWING A CONTOUR FARMER'S DREAM

In Hawaii all farming is based on contour plowing and the conservation of water supplies. For a full report on Hawaiian farming and its relation to conditions in the Carolinas, read the article by Frank H. Jeter in today's CAROLINA FARMER. These fine farm pages are your regular Monday feature of THE CHARLOTTE NEWS



Photo by Hestell A. Deaton, Flying Service

RESIDENTIAL BARRIER — The tracks of the Seaboard Railroad which cross through the eastern section of Charlotte have created dead-end streets in many places and bad grade crossings at others. Shown above is the grade crossing on Central Ave., between Lamar and N. Clement. At frequent intervals during the day motor vehicle traffic piles up for blocks on either side as freight trains leisurely shift back and forth. An overpass on the new-crosstown boulevard will help correct the problem here and at the Pecan St. crossing. This is the last of a series of aerial views of railroad bottlenecks in Charlotte.

Supreme Court Acts

Texas Newspaper Men Win Ruling

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Supreme Court today ruled three Texas newspaper men were improperly convicted of contempt of court for

U.S. Health Plan Urged

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman asked Congress today to give "immediate attention" to enactment of a Federal health and disability insurance program.

In a special message to the legislators, Mr. Truman declared such legislation is "crucial to our national welfare."

Under the type of program he asks, a worker unable to work because of injury or illness would receive Government payments.

"This is a part of our national health plan," Mr. Truman declared, "which is essential to the security of working people and their families—unemployment, old age, death and sickness—we have provided some insurance protection against three."

Protection against the fourth—sickness—is the major missing element in our national social insurance program.

Mr. Truman's message asked, in addition:

1. Adequate public health services, including an expanded maternal and child health program.
2. Funds for research and medical education.
3. More hospitals and doctors, especially in sparsely settled areas.
4. The total health program which I have proposed is crucial to our national welfare, he said. "The heart of that program is national health insurance."
5. "This is a part of our national health plan, which is essential to the security of working people and their families—unemployment, old age, death and sickness—we have provided some insurance protection against three."

Three Die In Shooting

CHICAGO — (AP) — Three persons were shot and killed last night during an attempted robbery of a West Side apartment where 32 people were gathered for a dinner party.

The dead were Albert Fineberg, 48, in whose home the shooting occurred; Benjamin Eisenstein, 38, personal bullfinch to Municipal Judge C. S. Caplan; and a man identified as George Stanislawski, an ex-convict, 32, who police said was one of the robbers. One of the robbers, Lionel Taktik, was taken to a hospital after being struck by one of the intruders.

Witnesses to the shooting told Police Sgt. Ambrose Mahoney that the front door of the apartment had been left ajar to improve ventilation. Shortly before midnight three men entered the doorway. Two of them carried guns and the other a large hammer.

One of the robbers, Stanislawski, told him two of the robbers went into the kitchen and lined up the women against the walls. Meanwhile Stanislawski started toward the bedroom where he had his coat containing a gun. He was then authorized to carry a bullet.

One of the robbers, Stanislawski, sprang against the third intruder and tripped him. Eisenstein then fired a shot which killed Stanislawski, and killed him.

The other two robbers rushed into the living room and opened fire, fatally wounding Fineberg. The intruder then fled.

Taktik was struck by the man with the hammer as he lunged at one of the robbers, witnesses said. An inquest was scheduled for Tuesday. Stanislawski was identified by his wife who said they had been married only two weeks.

Air Line Converted

ROME — (AP) — British European Airways today converted its Mediterranean line from American to British planes. It will fly Vickers Vikings, carrying 24 passengers, instead of Douglas DC-3s, instead of Douglas DC-3s. The line said the Douglas would be put on internal routes in Britain, replacing present British craft.

Treasury's Chief Talks of Tax Cut Says Reduction Period Nearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Treasury Snyder told Congress today that "a period of tax reduction is approaching." But he made no recommendations as to what taxes should be cut or when.

Snyder further told the House Ways & Means Committee that Congress should "reconsider" how to reduce taxes at some later and unspecified time.

The 3,000-word prepared statement of the Treasury head made no mention of the \$4,000,000,000 tax reduction bill passed overwhelmingly by the House despite Administration opposition. The bill is now awaiting Senate action. Nor did Snyder's statement say whether President Truman might veto this tax-cut bill if it reaches him.

FIRST WITNESS

Snyder was the first witness as the committee began hearings on a general revision of the entire tax setup.

He did not elaborate on his reference to an approaching period of taxation, saying simply:

"We are nearing lower peacetime levels of Government expenditures and continuing high levels of national income and production. A period of tax reduction is approaching."

Snyder's statement contained thumbnail sketches of twenty levels which have been under Treasury study, but made no recommendations concerning them.

"It is highly unlikely that the fiscal and economic situation will warrant enactment of all the ultimately desirable revisions at the same time," he said.

"At another point, Snyder said that 'at this time we have a unique opportunity to moderate the Federal tax system. But he added that 'it is not my intention today to make recommendations on any specific tax question."

TAX SUBJECTS

Tax subjects on which the Treasury head commented included: personal income taxes and the splitting of income; estate and gift taxes; taxation of dividends; tax-exempt organizations such as churches, schools and other organizations; and Social Security taxes.

Snyder said of individual income tax rates:

"The rates must be re-examined to determine their effects on incentives to work and invest and their effects on living standards and purchasing power. Revisions of the rates should be coordinated with other changes in the tax system as personal exemptions and the treatment of family incomes and with changes in the standard of living."

"As I said to revise the rates, increase personal exemptions, and allow the splitting of family incomes, the Government must consider the effect of these changes on the national economy."

"We should approach the important task of postwar tax revision with an open mind," Snyder told the committee.

Jap Silk Fair Opened

TOKYO — (AP) — Mrs. Douglas MacArthur officially opened the Japanese Government-sponsored silk fair today. The exhibit is aimed principally at Allied personnel and is a postwar stimulating aid exports.

Taft Prediction

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Taft, Republican-Ohio, predicted today there will be no flat ban on the final Congress version of labor disputes legislation.

Taft made this forecast after a two-day House-Senate conference striving to compromise between the House-Senate bill passed by the two chambers. The Ohio told reporters:

"I doubt that the House will adhere to its provision."

Instead, Taft indicated the conference committee will accept the Senate's provision on this matter, but will administer it by union, but permits those directed jointly.

"This bill has no existence in so far as the soft coal industry fund set up in

Charge Not Denied

Union Leaders In Winston Branded As Communists

WINSTON-SALEM — (AP) — Branded as Communists in the Winston-Salem Journal, Tobacco Workers, today decried charges of irresponsibility but made no denial of the newspaper's statement.

The newspaper printed statements from former union officials and one Communist Party official charging that almost every international FTA representative sent to Winston-Salem and most of the present local leadership were Communists.

The union now is engaged in a strike against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Reaction to this morning's attack took the form of a news release issued by the local union headquarters.

"In spite of screaming headlines in the newspapers and the all-out, anti-union propaganda unleashed last night, picketing outside the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco plant has continued as usual this morning as peacefully as during the past three and one-half weeks of the strike."

"Meeting early this morning the Local 22 executive board accepted the decision and the arrest of the union by Gene Pratt and Spencer Jones as not an unusual casualty in a strike of this size. Plans were immediately mapped out at the meeting to maintain peace and order in the lines."

SMEAR MOVE CHARGED

"The attack which was issued through the morning newspapers was considered by members and officers of the union as a desperate last-minute attempt by the company to defeat the strike where all the smearing and defaming had failed."

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Mother Gravely Ill

Truman Resumes Vigil At Bedside

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

GRANDVIEW, Mo. — (AP) — President Truman resumed his vigil at the bedside of his gravely ill 94-year-old mother today, somewhat encouraged again by her own report that she was "feeling better."

May Denies War Fraud

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Former Kentucky Congressman Andrew J. May today denied that his Government was fraud trial today that he had "entered into a conspiracy with anyone to defraud my country."

The 72-year-old former Congressman was asked by his attorney, Warren MacGee, if he had entered into a conspiracy to defraud the Government in loan deals with Murray Garrison, wartime munitions maker and with his brother, Henry, co-defendants with May.

"I never thought of such a thing," May replied.

"I never entered into a conspiracy with anybody to defraud my country."

As May made this statement, he leaned forward and spoke with vigor, gripping hard the arms of the witness chair.

May said he felt he was being deceived for Murray Garrison had anything to do with the Garrison munitions firm.

"Positively not," May answered.

May is accused of taking \$55,000 in bribes while he was House Military Committee chairman. From 1941 to 1945, he was a member of the House and key figures in a \$78,000,000 wartime arms combine. All are on trial on bribery conspiracy charges.

Three Children Perish In Blaze

MILLVILLE, Pa. — Three of ten children asphyxiated in a log farm house perished in a fire in a sparsely populated section of Pennsylvania near the anthracite region.

Mr. Truman's conversation with the children this morning took place when he returned from a twenty-minute walk in the vicinity of his hotel, accompanied by Ben Adams, James H. Pickett, his Naval aide, and secret service agents.

Arguments Of Lawyers To Be Heard Tomorrow

Court Directs Acquittal Of 3

By ROMNEY WHEELER

GREENVILLE, S. C. — (AP) — The defense rested with dramatic suddenness today in the mass-murder trial of 28 white men charged with lynching a South Carolina Negro, and the court immediately recessed pending final arguments tomorrow morning.

The case thus goes to a jury of textile workers, merchants, and farmers probably Wednesday without the hearing of a single witness for the defense.

Gray-haired veteran defense attorney Benjamin A. Boll closed the case only a few minutes after O'Connell Judge J. Robert Martin Jr. had directed verdict of acquittal for three defendants and dismissed two out of four indictments against seven others. The judge also ruled that incriminating statements made by 28 defendants could be used solely against individuals making them and would be rejected as evidence against co-defendants.

"In view of your ruling, your honor, the defense rests," said Boll. There was an air of jubilation in the courtroom after Martin's decision and co-defendants—many of them with wives and children surrounding them—slapped the acquitted ones on the back. Then a number of them rushed to windows at the rear of the courtroom and yelled the news to friends below.

Solicitor Robert Ashmore said he was disappointed in the ruling. See LYNCH TRIAL on page 6-A.

In Raleigh

Mr. Daniels Felicitated On 85th Birthday

RALEIGH — (AP) — While holding a quiet celebration of his 85th birthday here yesterday, Joseph Daniels received congratulatory messages from President Truman and from President Miguel Aleman of Mexico.

Daniels, who has served as Secretary of the Navy and Ambassador to the United Kingdom, was interviewed by a reporter from the United States today.

"The United Nations must fashion a world order or chaos will follow," he said. "Failure to do so would be the greatest tragedy of the world."

"The work of the United Nations must insure the settlement of all differences between nations without resorting to war, that would be the universal tragedy and a lasting tragedy."

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and continued rain with scattered showers this afternoon and evening.

Temperature at 2:30 today: High and low 24 hours: 65-75.

Marine weather: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.

See Weather Data on page 6-A