

Truman and Taft are staking their Presidential hopes in 1948 on their stand on labor legislation, Victor Riesel, labor columnist says. His article is on page 12-A.

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City Submits Additional Deal In Fight For Airlines

ORDER SUSPECTS

Wisconsin, District Of Columbia Phone Pacts Made

Amendment To Petition Before CAB Is Submitted

Need For Lines Is Emphasized
By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Charlotte's air passenger traffic in the past year could have been increased at least 50 per cent, had this city been served by Pennsylvania Central Airlines in addition to the service then offered by Eastern Air Lines, it was asserted today.

The amendment, supported by extensive data collected in September, last year, was emphasized in a brief submitted today to the Civil Aeronautics Board in the Southeastern States Case in Charlotte's "bitter end" fight for adequate trunk line air transport service.

The original petition, in which Charlotte appealed for rehearing, argument and reconsideration of this case, was filed April 30 by the CAB by Robert Lassiter Jr., executive director of the Aviation Committee, and Frank R. Sims Jr., special attorney of this committee.

The Charlotte Aviation Committee filed this latest application after the CAB in five previous weeks ago in the Southeastern States Case in order to grant service for which this city had petitioned almost two years ago.

In addition to stressing this city's need for PCA service on Route 31, the Charlotte committee asserted that the traffic data obtained by the CAB earlier last September "will further show the strong pattern of travel between Charlotte and the cities on Delta Airlines' Route 31."

The committee told the CAB in the amendment that travel between Charlotte and Chicago was not adequately considered by the board at the hearings upon which the CAB had based its decision. Commenting upon evidence lastly submitted by the Charlotte group, which is the official agency in aviation matters to the City Council, the attorneys said in the amendment:

"This evidence will conclusively demonstrate that Charlotte can support competitive service to Richmond, Washington and Memphis, and the destructive diversion of revenues from Route 5 Eastern Airlines and without adverse effect upon the newly certified routes under Federal control."



THE BULL IS THE WINNER IN THIS BULL FIGHT — This irate bull very definitely reverses the traditional scheme of things by tossing Bullfighter Lulu Byrand out of the arena and winning the fight at Arles, France. (AP Wirephoto).

Bridges Makes Charge

Propaganda Laid To Post Office

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Bridges, Republican, New Hampshire, charged the Post Office Department today with a "clear cut case of brazen propaganda" by apparently circulating word that mail service must be cut because Congress has failed to provide necessary funds.

Asserting that he wanted "to nip the report in the bud," the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee told newsmen:

"The truth is that the Post Office Department is living beyond its means and if there is any blame to be made for having insufficient funds it does not rest on Congress but on the Bureau of the Budget and the Department itself."

Bridges said that "apparently word has gone out from the Post Office Department to postmasters all over the country instructing them that it is necessary to cut mail services because of failure of Congress to provide funds."

CITES DEFICIT
"This is very interesting in a department which has run a deficit of \$22,150,242 this fiscal year and whose head, Mr. (Robert E.) Hannegan, has spent so little time in the department that most of the officials and employees would not recognize him unless they have good memories."

Specifically, Bridges quoted Postmaster Patrick Connelly of Boston and Harry Kramer of Holland, Mich., as announcing curtailed services throughout the country because of Congressional failure to furnish deficiency appropriations. Calling these statements "completely false," he said he is sending committee investigators to Boston and other key points to determine why service is being cut and on whose orders.

The Post Office Department reported on May 1 that postal services are being reduced slightly in some communities pending action on a deficiency appropriations measure.

Bridges said a proposed bill to provide additional funds for postal employees' salaries is still in the hands of the Budget Bureau and has not yet reached Congress.

He said, "any attempt by the Post Office Department to blame Congress is a clear case of brazen propaganda trying to prejudice the American public against the Congress in its work in attempting to eliminate Government waste and to promote efficiency."

Bargaining Shifts To Local Basis

National Peace Efforts Dropped

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Contract agreements were reached by striking telephone unions in Wisconsin and the District of Columbia today, less than twelve hours after national bargaining efforts were abandoned. They affect 11,000 of the 300,000 workers who have been on strike 31 days.

The Federation of Telephone Workers of the District of Columbia, with 4,000 members, accepted a contract providing a weekly wage increase of \$2 to \$4. It announced its members will respect quietude of a traffic union which still is striking.

DETAILS WITHHELD
The bargaining committee of the Telephone Guild of Wisconsin came to terms with the Wisconsin Telephone Company, but details of the agreement were not disclosed pending its submission to the membership committee for ratification.

The Guild requested for 7,000 workers. Three communications unions in Wisconsin continue to strike. The company said the Guild had agreed to pass picket lines.

The National Federation of Telephone Workers, which called the cross-country tie-up April 7, dropped its demand to reach a national agreement.

Officials of the Bell system and its parent company, the A. T. & T., had consistently refused to yield to union insistence on nationwide bargaining. Contending negotiations should be on a local basis because of local factors involved.

49-MEMBER POLICY COMMITTEE
The 49-member Policy Committee of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, which had been in almost daily session since March 24, was adjourned indefinitely and its members returned home to help bargain out settlements in their own areas.

The most important bargaining conference being held here under Government auspices was called for a continuous session at 11 a. m. (EST) with conciliators saying agreement was possible "any hour."

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Russia Attacked

House Movement To Sidetrack Aid Program Battled

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Richards, Democrat, South Carolina, told the House today that Russia joined the United Nations "to defeat its purpose."

"The sooner we realize that Russia did not join U. N. in good faith, the better," he said.

Richards battled against a strong movement in the House to sidetrack the administration's \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid program and turn over to the United Nations the problem of Communist pressure on the two Mediterranean countries.

Recalling that opponents have called the aid program "a dagger in the heart of the United Nations," Richards declared:

"If there has been a dagger placed in the heart of the United Nations, it has been placed there by Russia. No doubt about it."

He ran down the list of subsidiary organizations formed since creation of U. N. After each, he paused and commented: "And Russia refused to join."

From Leroy Johnson, Republican, California came much the same argument.

He said that Russia has violated "solemn agreements" that the Soviet is "trying to create chaos, confusion, confusion and even the destruction of the Greek government."

"I say," said Johnson, "we should challenge her right to do this." He called for a "resounding vote to tell the world that we believe in the sanctity of contracts, that we are willing to risk our destiny and our power to compel obedience to agreements made."

With a final showdown unlikely before tomorrow at the earliest, Chairman Eaton, Republican, New Jersey, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Rep. Broom, Democrat, New York, ranking minority member, planned to concentrate their fire on the coalition more to stamp the Greek-Turkish dispute into the U. N.'s lap.

Finances Running Out

Local Phone Strike Is Losing Ground

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The Charlotte telephone strike was in financial straits today, and the walk-out appeared to be getting weaker at a fast clip.

H. Wasson, Carolina manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., said that "more than half the total number of employees of the company here had returned to work."

J. R. Burnie, leader of the strikers, admitted the local forces were all but "broken."

Two days ago, after some busy hours of rounding contrived amounts of money, Mr. Burnie said that the strike fund was in good condition, but a surprisingly large number of requests for help had taken nearly all the money by this afternoon.

At least 20 more strikers, and possibly more than that, finally gave up and went back to their jobs today. Out of the 672 who left their jobs at the start of the strike, 500 were still idle today, Mr. Burnie claimed.

Donations from other unions and some individuals brought the Charlotte Southern Bell Telephone Co. phone Workers began to feel pretty strong again, after a critical week.

But, on Monday, \$450 was handed out to strikers who needed some financial aid immediately to pay for laundry, board bills, medical and bus fares, lunches, and groceries. Then, on Tuesday, \$750 was handed out for the same reason. Today, by early afternoon, \$385 had been given out.

Mr. Burnie appeared to be optimistic.

Death Of Norman Is Investigated By Police

Coroner Finds Man Poisoned

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Possibility that the death of Charles H. Norman, 612 Mount Vernon Ave., 43-year-old owner and operator of the Carolina Scale Shop at 112 E. Morehead St., was homicide was indicated today in the death certificate filed at the Health Department's Bureau of Vital Statistics by Dr. W. M. Summerville, local pathologist and county coroner.

Chief Frank N. Littlejohn of the City Police Department, when queried regarding the possibility of murder in connection with the death of the prominent business man, stated the status of the investigation.

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Dental 'Glamour' Talked
PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — "Pain relief" was the theme of a "dental glamour" talk given by Dr. Cecil H. Biles of Sioux Falls, S. D.

In another speech on the subject additional information is required under the following question: "If death was due to external causes, fill in the following (specify), accident, suicide, homicide and in the space provided, a brief explanation: 'Cyanide poisoning' was the cause of death. The hearing 'Due To' was this notation: 'Drinking whiskey containing cyanide.'"

Plea Made To Baptists

ST. LOUIS — (AP) — The Southern Baptist convention was summoned today by the Rev. Dr. Louis D. Newton of Atlanta its president, to a non-compromising and unapologetic action against "the most determined and adroit campaign to batter down the wall that separates Church and State ever undertaken in our country."

Before the opening session of the convention, at which 8,000 messengers are expected to be registered by nightfall, Dr. Newton assailed the "unauthorized, unfortunate, and dangerous action" of Myron C. Taylor's appointment to the Vatican in 1929 and a Supreme Court decision last February which held that public school funds may be used to pay for transportation of children to Catholic parochial schools.

"I plead with Southern Baptists in this convention and out to the first church to stand up and face this challenge to religious liberty in sleepless vigilance," he said.

"Washington and every other center of Government in our free world should know upon any question that we will not compromise with political ecclesiastical and clerical fascism on any terms whatsoever. We will resist such encroachments in the conviction that they endanger every freedom of every person and institution and sanctity which our fathers suffered and died to secure."

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Bitter Task

Father Must Tell Injured Boy The Worst

CHICAGO — (AP) — Little Dale Ribey was in a hospital bed today, fondling a new pair of roller skates. He was tough waiting to get well so he could try them out.

But it was tougher for six-year-old Ribey, who was faced with the task of telling Dale that — well, that he hadn't better get well so he could try them out.

Avak Begins Ministrations

Millionaire's Home Is Scene Of Attempts At Faith Healing

By RALPH DIGHTON
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — (AP) — A millionaire vintner's seven-bedroom home with a huge swimming pool, became the scene today for attempts by Avak Hagopian, beard-braving Armenian faith healer, to cure the wine producer's invalid son.

The estate of the father, Kirker Arakelian, an immigrant Armenian who came to California and turned a young Armenian faith healer, estimated at \$100,000, is known as "Dream of the Desert."

House Inquiry

'Pro-Soviet' Talk At School Probed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Munst, Republican, South Dakota, announced today a former subcommittee on Un-American Activities is investigating today the term "Pro-Soviet" talk which touched off a student demonstration at Western High School here yesterday.

The lecture was given by Mrs. Aleksandra Pavlova, Russian, a state board member and clerk in the American Embassy in Moscow.

Weather

Forecast for Wednesday, May 7, 1947: Partly cloudy with light to moderate breeze. High and low 34 and 24. Breeze from the west. Clearing after midnight. High and low 34 and 24. Breeze from the west. Clearing after midnight.