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ROPER POLL

The latest Roper poll of public opinion, showing what Europeans think of the European Aid Program, is on Page 3-A of this edition.

Hopes High Mediation Talks Will Avert Rail Strike

BRITISH SHELL AREA OCCUPIED BY JEWS

Cops Seize Whisky Load

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Steele

Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn, standing amid 49 cases of whisky seized by City police this morning, congratulates Officer T. H. Cooper, who with Officer Henry Shaw made the haul. Officer Shaw, off duty, was not available for the picture. The whisky is stored in the vault at Police Headquarters.

Nearly Beat By Fleet Feet

Police Can Thank Dog, Red Light For Fat Liquor Haul

By RAY STALLINGS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A barking dog and a red light teamed up with the City Police Department early today to nab a truck, loaded with 49 cases of whisky.

The haul was made at about 6:30 A. M., and two drivers were nabbed for driving the same truck. Arrested on a charge of violating the N. C. liquor laws were L. K. Crump and Lester W. Hoyle, both of 1026 N. Davidson St. They were released on bonds of $250 each, and the truck is being held in lieu of a $2,000 bond.

According to Arresting Officers T. H. Cooper, and Henry Shaw, the following chain of events led to the seizure of the whisky:

The two officers were patrolling in a police car on Graham St. early today, and had stopped for a red light at 6th and Graham Sts. A panel truck passed them, running the red light.

GIVE CHASE

They immediately gave chase, with the intention of handing the driver a citation for running the stop signal.

The police car caught up with the truck at 9th and Graham Sts. The driver pulled over to the side of the street, leaped from the truck and ran.

Officer Cooper hopped out, and chased the man on foot. The chase led through back alleys and across lawns and fences. The fleeing man, apparently fleet of foot, managed to get out of the pursuing officer's sight.

While Officer Shaw drove around the block to try to head off their quarry, Officer Cooper searched around in the vicinity where his man last last seen.

POINTS OUT QUARRY

A barking dog drew his attention. The dog was pointing in the direction of the 400 block of N. Pine St., which is about two and one-half blocks from the place where the man took to his heels.

Officer Cooper hurried in the direction of the dog's pointing.

He found his man, hiding on some steps on Pine St.

Handcuffs were in order for the sprinter, who was later identified as Crump.

"Why did you run?" Mr. Cooper panted.

"You'll find out."

"Is the truck stolen?"

"No."

"Whisky?"

"Yes."

Crump was placed in the police car, and they returned to the spot where the truck had been parked.

It had disappeared.

GIVE CHASE AGAIN

The officers spotted the truck two blocks ahead of them, fast fading from view. Once again they gave chase.

This time the truck was nabbed near Graham and Liddell Sts. The second driver was arrested and the truck driven to police headquarters.

There the officers unloaded the whisky, which had been hidden behind bags of cotton waste behind the driver's seat and the place where the man took to his heels.

Stock Mart Strike Ends

NEW YORK — (AP) — Union employees today ended their month-long, violence - punctuated strike against the New York Stock Exchange by accepting pay raises offered by the financial market.

During the strike police and pickets clashed several times. Once pickets demonstrated by lying down in the streets.

A spokesman for the Exchange said 100 of the union-estimated 950 strikers would not be taken back.

He gave no explanation, but it was recalled that Emil Schram, Exchange president, said during negotiations that the strike disclosed that the operating force could be reduced by 100.

John Cole, vice-president of the union—United Financial Employees (AFL)—said that the union had accepted the fact that jobs of 100 had been eliminated, but was hoping that reorganization of personnel and increased business would result in absorption of that number.

Meanwhile, the strike continued against four brokerage houses to which the walkout spread. Union officials said immediate efforts would be made to settle those disputes with E. F. Hutton & Co., A. M. Kidder & Co., Bache & Co., and Shields & Co.

The union originally asked increases of $9 for employees earning less than $40 weekly and $15 for those earning more. Later it scaled this down to $6 and $10.

Least He Could Do

Reporter Takes Boy To See The Circus

NEW YORK —(AP)— A newspaper reporter took a little boy to the circus yesterday. Under the circumstances, he thought it was the least he could do.

Several weeks ago John O'Reilly of the New York Herald Tribune wrote a story about the Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey Circus arriving at Madison Square Garden.

Above his story was a picture of the elephants parading. Inconspicuous in front of the line of elephants was a small boy.

Later this letter came to the newspaper:

"Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

"You took a picture of the elephants marching down the street. I paraded in front of them from E. 84th St. and 2nd Ave. all the way down to the Garden.

"For punishment my Mommy won't let me go to the circus. I went too far from home. You did not have to put the picture in the paper and get me in trouble.

"Yours truly, Dion Rummage."

O'Reilly, though not directly responsible for the picture, called on nine-year-old Dion's parents and persuaded them to alter the punishment.

Yesterday O'Reilly took Dion to the circus.

Circus President John Ringling North personally praised Dion's handling of the elephant parade.

"After you got 'em here," he told the boy, "I counted them and there wasn't one missing."

Brotherhood Leaders And Conciliators Conferring

Truman Says He Is Optimistic

CHICAGO — (AP) —Federal mediators and railroad labor chieftains met today in sessions which President Truman said he believes will settle the railroad strike called for May 11.

In Washington Mr. Truman told his news conference the Federal Conciliation Service is working heroically on the prolonged dispute. He said he thought and hoped it would be settled.

At the end of the two-hour morning conference with leaders of three railroad brotherhoods, Chairman Frank Douglass of the National (Railway) Mediation Board said he had no doubt that the unions would like to settle without a walkout.

Douglass said he and a Mediation Board member, Francis A. O. O'Neill Jr. are prepared to stay in Chicago "as long as there is a chance to avert a strike." They came to Chicago this morning, Douglass said, of their own volition and not at the direction of Mr. Truman.

The morning session, he added, was devoted to reviewing the situation and determining what had been accomplished in direct negotiations between the brotherhoods and the nine railroads.

"We have to determine first how far apart the two sides are," Douglass said. "We believe some progress has been made within the last two weeks."

He referred to meetings between the disputants which were requested by the brotherhoods after rejecting as inadequate a proposed 15 1/2 cent an hour wage increase. This hike was recommended by a Presidential fact finding board which investigated under provisions of the National Railway Labor Act.

Earlier the carriers had agreed to accept the recommendations and pay the increase although they said it would add measurably to their operating costs. This action on the fact-finding board's proposals exhausted all procedure under the 22-year-old Railroad Labor Act.

Talks between labor and management aimed at ending the wage controversy collapsed late Tuesday night.

The official strike notice was announced yesterday by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of America. The walkout, which would cripple the nation's 225,000-mile railroad system, was set for 6 A. M. a week from next Tuesday.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the third operating union seeking a 30 per cent wage increase with a minimum hike of $3 a day and changes in working rules, did not join in the strike notice. A spokesman said his union has "not made up its mind if and when a strike date will be set." He added it was his union's understanding that each brotherhood could act independently.

Although the two unions which have called a strike represent only a small number of the country's estimated 1,350,000 railroad workers, —including 350,000 operating employees—they are regarded as the key operating men. The engineers and another operating union struck for two days in May, 1946, and service was disrupted throughout the country.

Before Douglass left Washington for the Chicago meeting he said failure of the unions and carriers to reach an agreement would be a serious threat to the economy of the nation in that a stoppage of all rail transportation in the country may follow."

Douglass said he saw "no reason why the Railway Labor Act cannot be made effective to adjust this present dispute." The Board first entered the controversy last December but withdrew when mediation efforts failed.

The unions presented their demands for pay hikes and changes in working rules last Oct. 7 and since then all procedure under the Railway Labor Act was followed. The brotherhoods then went around by the Taft-Hartley Labor Act and the Government cannot go into court for an injunction as it did in the recent soft coal strike.

Hams Are Overheated

SIOUX CITY, Ia.—(AP)—If the firemen who fought a stubborn blaze at a freezer storage plant here looked hungry, maybe there's a reason.

The bin in which the flames caused damage yesterday contained 37,000 fresh hams, property of the strikebound Armour & Co.

GOP Taken To Task

Truman Hits Short Term Plan For Atomic Board

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today hit at Republican proposals to give his atomic energy commissioners short new terms in office. He said that would delay atomic energy development.

Present terms of the five commissioners run out next Aug. 1. Some Republicans are talking of giving them one or two years more in office, instead of staggered new terms up to five years as provided by present law. They reason that a Republican President may take over next year and want to name his own commissioners.

Mr. Truman read to a new conference a statement saying that to give the commissioners short terms would "restore the pall of uncertainty that surrounded atomic development for nearly two years after the Japanese surrender."

"Such a proposal," he said, "would have an adverse effect upon the urgent business of pushing ahead in our knowledge and utilization of atomic energy both for use in our economy and for our defense."

He said the commissioners were appointed "without any reference to their political affiliations."

Asked about other Republican proposals to extend the reciprocal trade program for one year, instead of for three as asked by the Administration, the President said that is terrible.

He said the nation's foreign policy and European recovery is based on a longer extension of that program. He agreed with a questioner that failure to extend the trade act would make it impossible for Marshall Plan countries to repay that part of the aid program that is repayable.

He also said the holding up of confirmation of hundreds of postmasters by Senate Republicans doesn't do the business of Government any good. Holding them up is with the idea that Republicans will be appointed if a Republican takes over the White House.

The President said he gave reluctant approval of the compromise plan before the Senate Armed Services Committee for merger of universal training and draft programs.

"Is the compromise plan acceptable?" a reporter asked.

That's all it is, acceptable, he replied, adding: It is the best we can get. It's not what I want, but it's a step in the right direction.

Senate Battle Looms

Way Cleared For Rights Showdown

By DONALD SANDERS

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senate Republicans began clearing the way today for a showdown fight over civil rights.

In a Judiciary Committee ordered a closed door session to begin study of anti-lynching legislation. Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich) told a reporter he expects the group to approve the bill and send it to the floor.

A two and a half hour morning meeting failed to bring action, however, and Chairman Wiley (R-Wis.) called a late afternoon session. Wiley said the committee was bogged down in a debate over constitutional law and a final vote today was "very unlikely."

Ferguson is chairman of a three-man subcommittee which drafted the measure he described as "a real anti-lynching bill." It would make it a felony for anyone to take part in a lynching or for any officer to fail to prosecute a lynching mob.

The Republican majority has decided to give the measure priority over other civil rights bills. It was President Truman's request for such legislation that stirred up a revolt by Southern Democratic politicians.

Another of the measures already has been cleared for possible action by the Senate. The Rules Committee yesterday voted 7 to 2 in favor of a House - approved bill which would outlaw the poll tax as a requirement for voting in Federal elections. Of eight states with poll tax laws, seven are in the South. The eight are Alabama, Arkansas, New Hampshire, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

EASIEST TO PASS

Acting Majority Leader Wherry of Nebraska said the poll tax action will have no effect on the GOP decision to go ahead first with the anti - lynching bill. Republicans voted it priority on grounds it would be the easiest civil rights measure to pass.

Wherry told newsmen that if the Judiciary Committee completes that bill, it may be called up next week.

Southern Democrats have threatened to filibuster against passage of the anti-lynching bill or other civil rights legislation. Similar bills have always been talked to death in the past.

Royall Asks More Troops

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Testifying on Capitol Hill today, Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall said the Army needs 837,000 troops instead of the 790,000 called for in the Administration's "compromise" program. The Army's present force is about 540,000.

The Army Secretary testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee. He said 837,000 is a minimum "based upon present world conditions." He also said the Army needs—but is not asking—an extra $2,100,000,000 during the next year if it is to be prepared to deal with the initial phases of a war."

The Senate Committee is considering a $3,198,000,000 House - passed bill to expand the Air Forces to 70 combat groups. Chairman Bridges (R-N.H.) said he hoped to have a bill ready for the Senate floor by nightfall.

SUPPORTS COMPROMISE

Royall made it plain that while not opposing the extra funds the Air Force he is supporting a compromise plan for all three services advanced by Secretary of Defense Forrestal. It calls for 66 air groups.

From Royall's testimony and that of earlier witnesses, this general picture shapes up: Military men are agreed the United States should have a larger military establishment than is proposed in the so-called "compromise" plan.

The compromise is intended to work toward that larger establishment, but by degrees. The argument is that a faster expansion would take too much production from consumers and run up prices.

Royall said an 837,000-man Army would include twelve fully equipped regular combat divisions and six partially equipped National Guard divisions.

Arabs Spurn Police Plan

LAKE SUCCESS — (AP)—United Nations efforts to set up an international volunteer police force for Jerusalem were apparently doomed today by refusal of the Arabs to co-operate.

This new complication in the U. N. trusteeship council came as the United States appealed again for quick approval of its plan for a temporary trusteeship in the war-ridden Holy Land.

The U. S. plea was made in the 58-nation political committee of the emergency Palestine assembly of the U.N.

Other major developments in the two-front Palestine debate:

1. A U. S. delegation spokesman denied published reports that the United States was planning a new shift in Palestine policy.

2. Iraq proposed that any Palestine trusteeship be limited to one or two years and that the vital question of Jewish immigration be held in abeyance until trusteeship ends.

3. Arab and Jewish representatives told the trusteeship council they would ask their people in Palestine whether they would undertake jointly to guarantee protection to the holy places of Jerusalem.

4. A Jewish Agency representative told the trusteeship council if the Arabs oppose a truce for all of Jerusalem "I must envisage a state of war."

Both the trusteeship council and the political committee adjourned until tomorrow morning.

JEWS AGREE

The Jews agreed to the proposal for a 1,000-man elite force to safeguard Jerusalem's Holy places under a proposed truce, but the Arab rejection dashed hopes for its establishment.

Jamal Husseini, vice-chairman of the Arab higher committee for Palestine, told the United Nations Trusteeship Council the Arabs "object to foreign troops being sent to our country." He said the term troops also meant police.

Russian Troops Inspect Traffic

BERLIN —(AP)— Russian military police in the hundreds today made strict inspection of all traffic and transport in the Soviet occupation zone.

Some German observers believed they were looking for deserters from the Russian army. This belief seemed partly borne out by raids the Soviet MP's made on railway stations and some private homes. In these they enlisted the aid of German police.

Tax Repealer Bill Moves To Senate

Margarine Wins First Round In Battle Of The Bread Spreads

WASHINGTON— (AP) —With oleomargarine better than a two-to-one victor over butter in the House, the battle of the bread spreads moved into the Senate today.

Opinions differed sharply on what will happen 4here.

The House yesterday voted 260 to 106 to repeal the 62-year-old Federal taxes on oleo. It rejected all dairy bloc efforts to compromise. These would have dropped the taxes but required the packaging of oleo in triangular or circular sticks.

The expected Senate battle shaped up about like this:

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and Presidential aspirant, is on the oleo side. He is expected to drive hard for passage of the tax repealer bill.

2. The Senate Agriculture and Finance Committees may wage a tug of war for jurisdiction over the legislation. Dairy state members figure they will have a better chance to bottle up the bill in the Agriculture Committee.

Oleo backers already have suffered a preliminary rebuff in the Senate. A move to attach a margarine tax repealer to the income tax reduction bill was beaten 45 to 38. However, this was not accepted as a fair test as Chairman Millikin (R-Colo) of the Finance Committee argued then that the two subjects should not be mixed.

Millikin said today if the oleo bill is sent to his committee he will seek prompt action.

But Senator Thye (R-Minn), member of the Agriculture Committee, told reporters: "We will do our utmost to defeat the bill." He represents one of the great dairy states.

Senators Olin D. Johnston (D-SC) and Pepper (D-Fla) predicted the bill will march through the Senate as it did in the House. Southern Carolina and Florida are among the Southern states that produce cottonseed and peanut oils which go into oleo.

No recent issue has brought so much turmoil in House debate. No recent battle, even those on foreign relief and tax reduction, has so packed the galleries.

Would Block Capture Of Arab Port Of Jaffa

Iraq, Egyptian Armies Moving

By MAX BOYD

JERUSALEM — (AP) — British artillery for several hours today shelled the Manshieh quarter of Jaffa, captured yesterday by Irgun Zvai Leumi after four days of fighting with the Arabs.

Tonight a cease-fire was ordered until 9 A. M. tomorrow. It was proposed by W. Fuller, British District Commissioner, so he would arrange a meeting with the Jews. The British seek to prevent the Jews from occupying the predominantly Arab port.

Five British planes made reconnaissance flights over the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area. The British attack came as officials of Egypt and Iraq said large parts of their armies were moving on Palestine.

Sharp skirmishes occurred in the Jordan River Valley opposite Trans-Jordan.

The Jews claimed capture of Beisan, 15 miles south of the Sea of Galilee. Besian is a way station for Arabs filtering in from the east for the battle over partition.

The Arab Legion informed King Abdullah in Amman it had occupied Gesher, a Jewish collective settlement in the Jordan Valley, and killed hundreds of Jews. The Legion said the fight started Tuesday night when Jews killed a Legion sentry inside Trans-Jordan territory.

Egyptian Communications Minister Dessouki Abaza Pasha said in Cairo large Egyptian army forces had been sent to the southern border of Palestine. Regent Abdul Ilah of Iraq said in Baghdad his country's army had started moving toward Palestine and would pass through Trans-Jordan.

The British rushed in a battalion of Irish fusiliers to support their pledge not to permit the Jews to occupy Jaffa, the Arab port adjoining all-Jewish Tel Aviv. The reinforcements brought the British force available to about 3,000 men.

As far as was known, Irgun appeared determined to try and hold the Arab quarter. Throughout the night, Irgun forces dug into defensive positions and brought in fresh troops.

The news of a cease-fire for the old walled city of Jerusalem was received here with optimism. Neither the Jews nor the Arabs, however, had received instructions by early afternoon to cease fighting, as their spokesmen agreed before the United Nations.

An Arab national committee spokesman said he had had no word from his leaders about the truce. A Jewish Agency spokesman said the same, but added:

"If there is a truce, it must mean the Jews and Arabs can walk about freely in each other's quarters and the Jews will have access to water and leave the old walled city. At present, all areas around it are held by Arabs. A truce inside the walled area will have to mean access to it through the Arab-controlled sections."

An Amman dispatch said Fawzi Al Kaukji, commander of the Arab volunteer army in Palestine, reported to King Abdullah that Arab field guns are shelling Jewish Tel Aviv, starting fires and damaging buildings.

King Abdulah received from the United Nations Security Council's truce commission in Jerusalem an appeal not to intervene in Palestine. The King was told intervention would be considered an act hostile to the United Nations and promising to resist it.

Abdullah replied he would comply only if the Jews could be persuaded to cease attacking Arabs and attempting to set up a Jewish state in Palestine.

Abdullah also received a reply from the Jewish Agency for Palestine to his recent proposal that Jews accept citizenship in a unified Palestine state. The agency said the Jews will give citizenship in any state in which the Arabs are in the majority and that they are "ready to fight to the last man" against it.

The agency added, however, that the Jews are willing to negotiate with the Arabs on an equal basis.

WEATHER

Fair and cooler tonight; Friday fair, warmer in the afternoon.

Temperature at 7:00 today 57
High and low last 24 hours..74-51
Sunset today 7:07
Sunrise tomorrow 5:34

More Weather Data on page 11-A