

Agreement Reached To End Railway Strike Wednesday

Both Sides Agree To Arbitration

WASHINGTON (AP)—An agreement was reached today calling for an end to the 57-day Louisville & Nashville Railroad strike at 6 a. m. EST Wednesday.

The union representatives and management negotiators were in separate rooms. Government mediators shuttled back and forth for signatures to a series of documents that called for ending the strike and submitting unsettled issues to arbitration.

A formal government announcement of the strike-end agreement was made at 11:45 a. m. EDT.

The agreement calls for submitting key, unsettled issues to a neutral referee for a binding arbitration decision.

VIOLENT STRIKE

The strike, marked at times by violence, had crippled rail service in 14 Southern states nearly two months. It was the longest rail strike since 1922.

The strike affected 29,000 employees.

Chairman Francis A. O'Neill, Jr. of the National Mediation Board announced the agreement for an end to the strike in this statement: "The National Mediation Board, at long last, is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached between the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, affiliated railroads and all unions which have been on strike."

NEUTRAL REFEREE

"The dispute with the nonoperating organizations is to be submitted to a neutral referee whose decision will be final and binding. All employees are to return to work and all operations resumed on Wednesday, May 11. In the interim the roads will take steps to prepare for full operation."

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Mayor Van Every (From Left) Councilmen Dellinger, Baxter, Wilkinson, Smith, Mayor Van Every, Councilmen Albea, Evans And Brown

Board Contains Woman For First Time

New City Council Receives Oath

By DICK YOUNG
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History was made today when for the first time since Charlotte's charter was granted Dec. 3, 1788, a woman was inducted as a member of the City Council.

Mrs. Martha Evans, the only newcomer, was one of seven council members formally sworn in at ceremonies this morning.

With an audience overflowing into the corridor the mayor and seven council officials and three members of the Board of School Commissioners took their oaths of office.

The inaugural ceremonies began with the invocation by J. D. Parr, First Reader, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Then the incumbent council went into its last but brief session for approval of the minutes of the last two meetings and for a report of the May 3 election.

Mrs. Lillian Hoffman, city clerk, read the report of the election results from the Mecklenburg Board of Elections.

BOYD LEAVES DASH

With that done Councilman Basil M. Boyd, the lone retiring member, left his seat on the council dais and invited Mrs. Evans to take his place.

Then Mrs. Hoffman administered the oath of office to Mayor Van Every, who in turn formally inducted the council members by reading the oath which each member repeated.

The mayor also gave each of three newly-elected school board members.

These were the Rev. Dr. Herbert Spangh, Benjamin S. Hoack and Al Bechold.

Douglas Aitken, the fourth school board member named in the May 3 election, was out of the city attending the convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association. The oath will be administered to him later.

MAYOR HEARD

Upon the conclusion of the formal swearing-in Mayor Van Every made a brief inaugural address.

He said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, in the oath I have just taken I have solemnly sworn to support, advance and defend the good order, peace and welfare of the City of Charlotte and its inhabitants.

"The citizens of our great city have again honored me by re-electing me to serve as their chief executive for another term and I am deeply moved by their confidence in me."

"In serving the people of this community I will do my best with the help of Almighty God to serve them well."

Mayor Van Every then presented members of his family, introducing his wife, two of his four daughters, his mother and a brother.

Other members of the council were individually presented.

West Germany Welcomed Into NATO Council

By JOSEPH DYNAN

PARIS (AP)—The North Atlantic Council welcomed West Germany today as its 15th member in the Western alliance against the threat of Communist aggression.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer took his place at the NATO council table for the first time in a public session in the Palais de Chaillot.

The top NATO group opened a three-day session in problems of Western European defense and other issues of global import.

For the 75-year-old West German statesman the ceremony marked a culminating stage in his long and difficult campaign to enroll his countrymen as an equal partner in the ranks of the free world's democracies.

ADENAUER PLEDGE

Replying to the welcoming speeches, Adenauer pledged his countrymen in the cause of world peace and freedom.

Referring to World War II, the chancellor said the German people "have paid harshly for the horrors which were committed in their name by blind and evil leadership."

But "these sufferings," he continued, "have transformed and purified the German nation. Today everywhere in Germany, peace and freedom are felt to be the greatest treasures it was the cause in the best periods of her history."

NATO's "purely defensive" tasks, he said, are in "full harmony with the natural interests of the German nation, which after a dreadful experience gained in two world wars is joining as ardently as any other nation in the world for its security and peace."

EXPRESSION OF NEED

Adenauer asserted West Germany's treaties of alliance with NATO and with the new West European Union, are an "expression of the need to overcome the narrow nationalism which in past decades was the root of our disaster."

Adenauer said the peoples of both West and East Germany are devoted to peace and freedom and he stressed his government's intention of reuniting the country as soon as possible.

Promising Germany will be an able and reliable partner, Adenauer said she will play her part in safeguarding freedom and human dignity.

When the Chancellor finished, the NATO Council ended its public session. Discussions resumed this afternoon in private session.

With the formalities out of the way, the ministers were to discuss prospects for a Big Four meeting this summer on major world problems, particularly German reunification.

Evening Prayer

We thank Thee, O Father, for the power that frees men from the fear and darkness that sin brings and which gives them new life through Christ. Help us to accept this Good News daily and to be used of Thee in bringing others to share in the freedom that faith in Christ gives. In His name. Amen.

IN MEETING

Dr. M. B. Bethel, City-County Health Officer, was out of town today. He is attending a meeting of the Southern division of the American Public Health Association in New Orleans.

"We will wait and see what happens this week," Miss Bar-

Second Inoculations Set For Next Monday

Scheele said he hoped inoculations could start by the end of this week.

In Raleigh yesterday Dr. J. W. R. Norton, state health officer, said Gen. Scheele's report "sounds very encouraging and we will look forward to the time when we have approval of a second dose and can move along with it."

The second shot is scheduled to start here next Monday for three days and on May 26 and May 27.

The arrangements may be altered if local health officials are advised to do so.

IS RECOMMENDED

Another few days of suspension of the nationwide Salk antipolio vaccination program was recommended by Surgeon Gen. Leonard A. Scheele yesterday. At that time Gen.



O'NEILL JR. (right), chairman of the N-Board, announced today an end to the Louisville railroad strike. He's shown with George union negotiator. (AP)

Small Business

Credit Agency Formed By Hodges

Formation of a development credit company small business in North Carolina was announced today by George Hodges, chairman of the Small Business Administration.

"The company will be a private corporation, possibly tax-exempt for some years, but without other state aid. There would be no pledging of state money or credit and the corporation would have to be operated on a strictly business basis. All it would add to our economic equipment would be a source of approved small business venture capital," he said.

"You bankers, the insurance companies, building and loan associations and other financial institutions who would go into the movement would be 'members' of the corporation even if not stockholders, and you would supply a majority of the directors. It would be your money pooled in the corporation that would enable it to serve its purpose."

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Men Indicted

Charge of Fraud

Twelve men were indicted here today on charges of grand jury fraud. The others were indicted last fall.

The bill states that the defendants took absentee applications and official absentee ballots in violation of the state law in many registered voters of Clay County and others and solicited these persons to cast absentee ballots and vote in person, even though these individuals were ineligible to cast absentee ballots.

The bill is charged still further in the bill that the defendants in many instances, "to give persuasive force to their requests for absentee votes, made expenditures of sums of money to voters voters to influence said voters to cast said absentee vote or withhold said vote as the defendants saw fit and large numbers of illegal votes were cast or withheld as part of this conspiracy."

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