

**WEATHER**  
**FORECAST**  
North Carolina - Partly cloudy Sunday, followed by mostly cloudy Monday and showers west and central portions beginning in mountains Sunday night. Little change in temperature Sunday, warmer Sunday night and Monday.

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# RAILROAD STRIKE POSTPONED FIVE DAYS

## Sale Of War Housing Units Planned Here

Machinery Set In Motion To Dispose Of 1,858 Permanent Dwellings

**SALE BY PROJECTS**  
Federal Authorities Arranging Sale Of Lake Forest, Vance

Machinery has been set in motion for the sale of 1,858 family dwelling units of Federally-owned permanent war housing at Lake Forest and Maffitt Village, it was disclosed yesterday.

The housing, consisting of all Lake Forest, 1,058 units, and the 80 wooden units comprising the Vance section of Maffitt, will be offered first to priority holders for 30 days, and if not taken by one of these, will then be offered to the general public.

R. Hanson, representing John P. Broome, regional director of the Federal Public Housing Authority, was in Wilmington for two days, Tuesday to Thursday, making plans for the sale. He is the FPHA's assistant regional director for real state and disposition. Hanson said none of the housing will be offered for sale as individual units because it does not lend itself structurally to such disposition. All of the units will be sold on their present sites, rather than for removal, and will be offered in sections, or projects, rather than as single units. This is in conformity with the recommendations of the local Advisory Committee on Disposition of Public War Housing, established by the city and county government's and headed by E. L. White.

Hillcrest Reserved  
Hanson said the housing to be sold will comprise all of the permanent Federally-owned war housing in the community except Hillcrest, 216 units, Negro, which is being reserved for sale to the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington for conversion to low-rent public housing. The remainder of the federal housing here, consisting of 2,962 temporary units at Maffitt Village, is scheduled for removal or demolition, and some of it is now in process of being taken down and moved to other localities for re-erection as temporary housing for veterans of World War II.

The first actual step in disposition of the 1,858 units to be sold, Hanson said, will be to secure an

## CHURCH ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NAMED

Six From Wilmington Presbytery To Attend 86th Session At Montreat

Six Wilmington Presbytery commissioners are scheduled to attend the 86th session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which will open Thursday night in Anderson auditorium, Montreat.

They are the Revs. R. H. Poole, Elizabethtown; William Crowe, Jr., Wilmington; C. C. Myers, Delgado church, Wilmington; and Ruling Elders P. S. Carr, Clinton; J. M. Taylor, Pearsall Memorial church, Wilmington; and Earl A. Bender, Myrtle Grove church, Wilmington.

Alternates to the commissioners are the Revs. C. R. Gleason, Whiteville; J. M. Smith, Faison; John D. MacLeod, Carolina Beach; and Ruling Elders C. L. Braddy, Council; C. O. Bollinger, Willard; and E. L. Derricke, Chadbourne.

The General Assembly will be composed of approximately 380 elected commissioners, representing the ministers and ruling elders of each of the eighty-seven Presbyteries. Others expected to attend will be representatives from the executive agencies of the Assembly, members of Assembly committees, and other visitors bringing the total number to about 500.

The Rev. I. K. Young, D. D., pastor of Idlewild Presbyterian church, Memphis, Tenn., retiring moderator, will preside at the opening session and deliver the opening sermon. The moderator for the 1946-47 fiscal year will be elected the first night, and the general

## Till Death Us Do Part



Rather than again be separated from his wife, Gertrude, Major Hans George Hornbostel, 65-year-old survivor of the Bataan death march, has requested permission to be admitted to the Leprosarium at Carville, La., where his wife must spend the rest of her life. Mrs. Hornbostel contracted leprosy while confined in a Japanese prison camp. The couple are shown at a San Francisco hospital where Mrs. Hornbostel has been quarantined pending transfer to Carville.

## Labor Code Changes Agreeable To Truman

**HAS LIMITATIONS**  
Reported Opposed To Any Drastic Restrictions On Unions, However

**BY JACK BELL**  
WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—President Truman was represented on Capitol Hill today as being willing for Congress to make some changes in labor disputes laws, but opposing any drastic restrictions on unions.

Legislators who have discussed the matter recently with Mr. Truman said he expressed the hope that any action Congress takes will not be such as to force him to veto the resultant legislation.

Representatives of the transport workers organizations were among those bearing banners reading "down with Yoshida"—referring to the conservative government being formed by Japan's new Premier, Shigeru Yoshida.

## CANDIDATES FILE EXPENSE REPORTS

Pre-Primary Expenditures of 34 Aspirants Show \$2,166 Spent To-Date

New Hanover county candidates for nomination in next Saturday's Democratic primary to-date have spent a total of \$2,166.70 for campaign purposes, according to preliminary expense reports filed with A. L. Meyland, clerk of superior court, it was revealed yesterday.

Representing in the total are filing fees, advertising and travel expenditures of 34 out of a total of 42 candidates who have submitted reports to Meyland.

The candidates, offices which are being sought, and individual expense reports, are as follows: L. T. Landen, board of education, \$5; C. V. McDaniel, sheriff, \$150.20; J. C. Roe, board of education, \$5; H. F. Huffham, meter adjuster, \$90; E. A. Laney, board of education, \$5; M. M. Register, Harnett township justice of peace, \$5; W.

## Gov. Cherry Acts In Drainage Row

Directs Winter Park Petition To Highway Commission For Early Study

Petition of Winter Park Gardens residents seeking relief from damaging conditions has been directed to the State Highway commission by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, correspondence received from the State Chief Executive's office indicated yesterday.

An inclosure in a letter from the governor to James S. Hall, Winter Park sponsor of the petition, disclosed that the governor had referred the matter to J. A. Bridger, state highway commissioner from Bladenboro, for early investigation and action if the problem is a state one.

The governor's letter to Commissioner Bridger said, in part: "Enclosed you will find a petition, together with newspaper clippings, relating to a drainage condition in New Hanover county. This controversy seems to be of long H. F. Huffham, meter adjuster, \$90; E. A. Laney, board of education, \$5; M. M. Register, Harnett township justice of peace, \$5; W.

## Byrnes Believes Parley Advanced Prospects For Peace Settlement

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes reported to President Truman for two hours today on the Paris conference of foreign ministers—which failed to settle the peace of Europe but, in Byrnes' view as reported by associates, did not fail completely to advance the prospects for a settlement.

The secretary, returning by air at 10:35 a. m., Eastern Standard Time, today, hurried to the White House to tell his chief about the Paris session which had recessed Thursday until June 15. He will report to the nation on it by radio Monday night.

Returning with him were his two advisers from Capitol Hill, Senator Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the foreign relations committee, and Vandenberg (R-Mich.), leading GOP spokesman on international matters.

Connally told a news conference that he would report to the senate Wednesday on the conference. Vandenberg is expected to speak to the senate Tuesday after Byrnes' Monday night talk.

Connally said in a formal statement that "substantial progress" had been made at Paris which, it was believed, would "help the next meeting on June 15 to agree upon treaties."

Some of Vandenberg's friends report that he considered the Paris meeting pretty largely a failure, but he declined public comment at the airport.

The White House session was entirely secret but some informants suggested that Byrnes probably told the president that things were not as bad as they might appear to be.

## Large Japanese Mob Calls For More Food

TOKYO, Sunday, May 19.—(AP)—A crowd estimated by military police at between 125,000 and 150,000 demonstrated before the central gate to the Imperial Palace compound today, demanding immediate distribution of more food.

Members of labor unions, the Communist party and other left-wing political factions sprawled over the parkway of outer palace grounds. Banners and speakers called for increased rice rations.

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## S. Submits Franco Report To UN Body

Said To Deal With German Assets In Spain And Country's War Power

**PROBE POLISH CHARGE**  
Security Council Delegates Expect Reds To Boycott Iranian Case

**BY MAX HARRELSON**  
NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—The United States today submitted to the United Nations a voluminous report which an informed source said contained information of "great importance" to the security council sub-committee investigating Franco Spain.

The contents of the report were not disclosed, but U. S. delegation sources said it consisted of a 62-page general document and 15 attachments, which altogether made up an exhibit between eight and 10 inches thick.

Much of the material previously had been published, but an informant who would not be identified said it contained more new material on the Franco regime than the sub-committee had received up to now from all other sources.

Several Subjects  
The main document was said to deal with the following subjects: German assets in Spain, Germans in Spain, Spanish war potential efforts of Franco Spain to penetrate the American republics and the Franco Regime's reactions in relations with the United States.

A spokesman for the U. S. delegation said some points on which the sub-committee requested information still were being studied "urgently by the State department and that other documents would be presented."

The sub-committee has until May 31 to complete its investigation on Poland's charges that the Franco Regime is a threat to world peace. So far it has received documents from Russia, Great

## To Speak Here

**ADM. LESLIE JOHNSON**

**PROPELLER CLUB TO HEAR ADMIRAL**  
Address Will Feature Local Observance Of National Maritime Day

An address by Rear Admiral Felix Leslie Johnson, USN, assistant chief of Naval personnel, will highlight an observance of Maritime Day here next Wednesday by the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Wilmington, Robert M. Williams, local president, announced yesterday.

Invitations have been issued to a small number of persons outstanding in matters of port development throughout the state to attend a dinner meeting at the Cape Fear Country club at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, at which time Admiral Johnson will speak.

Arriving here Wednesday morning, the high-ranking Naval officer will also speak at the Wilmington Kiwanis club luncheon that day.

Admiral Johnson plans to leave here Thursday morning.

Although no other local Maritime Day celebration has been announced, merchants are expected to display American flags in the downtown area as in past years. May 22 was proclaimed Maritime Day by order of President Truman.

A native of Aberdeen, N. C., Admiral Johnson attended high school in Warren and the University of North Carolina before his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy in 1916.

Commissioned in 1919  
Graduated and commissioned Ensign in June, 1919, with the class of 1920, he subsequently progressed in grade until his promotion to Real Admiral on Oct. 10, 1943.

A veteran of campaigns and service in the Asiatic and South American areas prior to World War II, he was commissioned by the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific fleet for services during a part of his command of the U.

## Service Is Disrupted By Delay In Getting Notice To Union Men



**ACL Schedule Upset By Strike Confusion**

Virtually all traffic operations of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad system came to a standstill late yesterday afternoon as operating trainmen ceased work pending official notification from their brotherhoods of the five-day postponement of the nation-wide rail strike.

Not until after 9 p. m.—five hours after the strike had been called off pending further negotiations—did the first of the Coast Line's passenger trains begin moving. By 11:05 p. m., passenger service had been resumed throughout the entire system, although at the same hour freight and yard traffic was just beginning to move with crews coming back to work.

It was shortly after 9:30 o'clock last night before two trains originating in Wilming-

ton—No. 435, the 4:35 p. m., to Fayetteville, and No. 42, the 7:15 to Rocky Mount—moved out of the ACL depot. Meanwhile, scores of passengers—many of them servicemen alarmed over the prospects of being AWOL from their duty posts—made themselves comfortable in the station's waiting room, keeping an eye out for notice of departure.

The Wilmington yards of the company were at a complete shutdown for more than five hours, despite the fact that Brotherhood officials had agreed at 3:34 p. m. yesterday to postpone the strike deadline for another five days. And it was the same story up and down the sprawling ACL system from Richmond to Jack-

Much confusion was reported in practically all major rail centers because the walk-out of 250,000 railroad trainmen and engineers—called for 4 p. m. local time yesterday—was cancelled only a few minutes before the deadline in the eastern time zone.

The time lag in dispatching notices to brotherhood locals caused thousands of travelers to be inconvenienced as many train crew members declined to work until official notice had been received from brotherhood headquarters in Cleveland.

Many Trains Affected  
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Some localities, however, reported little or no interruption in service.

The widespread disruption in normal traffic occurred after the federal government Friday seized the \$27,000,000 rail system and prepared to operate it under the Office of Defense Transportation.

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In Cincinnati J. A. Zanger, representing the trainmen in that area, asserted the strike was on at 4 p. m. for 7,500 railroad workers because no official message had been received from union leaders. Two hours later, after receiving official notice, he said "I'm ordering the men back to their jobs."

The Cincinnati situation was duplicated in many other cities.

Stoppage Ended  
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They wired special code messages to their members to stay on the job, even as pre-strike preparations had begun to slow the pulse of the nation's \$27,000,000 rail system and government agencies shaped hurried plans to meet the crisis.

The President, in his telephone conversation with Whitney and Johnston, had asked they delay the strike for five days and come to Washington today for further negotiations with the carriers. He felt, he said, further talks might be rewarded with an agreement.

A spokesman at the office of the Trainmen's union in Cleveland said Whitney had made a proposition to delay the strike if Mr. Truman could assure the Brotherhood of further concessions and that the postponement would not be a violation of the Smith-Connally act. Mr. Truman gave these assurances, the spokesman added.

The postponement was made public almost simultaneously in Washington and Cleveland a few minutes before 4 p. m. EST.

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## Rail Service Affected In Louisville Section

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 18.—(AP)—Trains began departing from Louisville tonight after a temporary tie-up while union officials awaited word from national headquarters to postpone the railroad strike.

Charles J. McClain, chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said he was notified nearly four hours after the strike was scheduled to start to send conductors, brakemen and other trainmen back to work. Judson N. Hatcher, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, previously had directed engineers to return to their jobs.

The temporary stoppage caused cancellation of a late afternoon train to Washington on the Baltimore and Ohio system. Other routes reported train service was resumed, although several trains were late in leaving Louisville.

## TRUMAN APPEALS President Confident Further Progress May Be Made In Bargaining

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—President Truman, in an eleventh-hour appeal, today won a five-day postponement of the nationwide railroad strike and announced that negotiations in the deadlocked wage dispute would be resumed tomorrow.

He told a hastily summoned news conference it was hoped the negotiations would lead to an agreement that would turn the postponement into a permanent settlement.

Mr. Truman's dramatic announcement of the postponement came just two minutes before the 4 p. m. deadline for the start of a crippling walkout that was to have spread, hour by hour, across the nation's vast network of rail lines.

Matter of Minutes  
It advertised by a matter of minutes what undoubtedly would have been the worst transportation crisis in the nation's history.

Mr. Truman disclosed that at 3 p. m. EST—just one hour before engineers and trainmen were to have started their walkout—he had appealed to Presidents A. F. Whitney of the railway trainmen and Alanvey Johnston of the locomotive engineers.

At 3:34 p. m. EST, he said, he received an affirmative reply.

He said Whitney and Johnston will fly here tomorrow to resume negotiations with railroad management representatives. The negotiations were broken off Thursday when the carriers rejected a compromise proposal by the unions and insisted they would not go beyond settlement terms suggested by Mr. Truman's fact-finding board.

Federal seizure of the lines was ordered by Mr. Truman Friday.

But even as the original 4 p. m. strike deadline approached, there was so evidence that the engineers and trainmen would consent to

## MUCH CONFUSION REPORTED AT BIG TRAFFIC CENTERS

Brotherhood Leaders Agree To Delay Walkout After Talk With Truman

(By The Associated Press)

A tieup of the nation's vast railroad system was postponed for at least five days yesterday following a request by President Truman to brotherhood leaders, but delay in getting the word to rank and file union men who run the trains disrupted service generally for several hours.

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## District Rotary Meeting Preparations Completed

Program plans for the ninth annual conference of the 188th district of Rotary International at Wrightsville beach May 22 to May 24 were announced yesterday by the Wilmington Rotary club, host to the eastern North Carolina clubs of the district.

Approximately 450 persons are expected to attend.

Registration for the conference will open at 5:30 p. m. Wednesday in Ocean Terrace hotel, conference headquarters, and two hours later the first event of the conference—a fellowship dinner for the Rotarians and Rotary

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