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Telegraphers May Walk Out

Fifty Thousand Western Union Workers Serve Notice Of Intent

NEW YORK, April 3.—(AP)—A nationwide strike of 50,000 Western Union telegraph workers outside of the New York metropolitan area loomed as a possibility today as the AFL Commercial Telegraphers union sent out notices of intent to call a walk-out.

Jesse A. Payne, the union president, asserted there had been a "complete collapse of collective bargaining" and accused the company of effecting "wholesale layoffs, down-grading and unilateral wage cuts."

There was no immediate comment from Western Union.

The intent to strike notices were sent to the company, President Truman, the U. S. Labor department and the National Labor Relations board, the union head said.

He explained that the telegraphers' contract with Western Union expired April 1 but was extended to July 1. However, the contract had a 30-day cancellation clause so that a strike could be called any time after May 3, Payne said.

A union policy committee will remain in continuous session here, the president said, and will decide when and if to poll the membership on a strike.

25-Cent Increase Payne said the employees were seeking a wage increase of 25 cents an hour and a 40-hour week, plus health-welfare and pension benefits.

The company has stated that present rates of pay for all employees but messengers average \$1.08 an hour. Motor messengers get 88.7 cents an hour, and walking and bicycle messengers 65.4 cents, the concern said.

About 50,000 workers are involved in the dispute, Payne said, with 40,000 belonging to the CTU and 10,000 others in the Telegraph Employees union and the Telegraph Workers union, both AFL.

The smaller unions have participated with the CTU in the negotiations, which began March 10.

The 7,000 Western Union employees in the New York metropolitan area are represented by the CIO American Communications association which is negotiating a new contract with the company but has given no notice of intent to strike.

NEW TELEPHONE PLANS REVEALED

Local Southern Bell Manager Reveals Extension Of Service Set

Additional telephone facilities for the City of Wilmington loomed yesterday with the announcement by O. G. Bain, manager of the local office of the Southern Bell Telephone company, that those now on the waiting list in the community for telephones will probably be served during the year.

Bain pointed out that telephone lines have been extended into the Castle Hayne area and the plans were being formulated to extend lines out to the Market Street road to include Hampstead sometime this year.

He explained that the shortage of materials during 1946 delayed the expansion program of the company but pointed out that despite the shortages 1237 additional telephones were installed in Wilmington.

"We are proud that we added 3,760 rural telephones in North Carolina during 1946, which was a gain of 92 per cent over the previous year and a gain of 35,500 rural telephones in the nine southern states," Bain said.

The numbers of local calls handled by Southern Bell increased 19 per cent over 1945 to approximately 16,800,000 daily in 1946, while the number of calls made per telephone also increased. In Wilmington about 128,724 local calls are made daily.

There was also an increase in the number of long distance calls of 14 per cent to approximately 377,000 per business day. Of this number, 2,500 are placed daily in Wilmington, the records show.

To handle this increased demand for long distance service, the company added 38,000 miles of long distance circuits, which was twice the mileage constructed during 1945.

The Weather

FORECAST: North Carolina—Fairly cloudy and not quite so warm today, followed by increasing cloudiness and mild tonight.

TEMPERATURES: Wilmington—7:30 a. m. 59; 1:30 p. m. 72; 7:30 p. m. 52; Maximum 76; Minimum 52; Mean 64; Normal 58.

HUMIDITY: Wilmington—1:30 p. m. 96; 7:30 a. m. 91; 1:30 p. m. 79.

PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .44 inches. Total since the first of the month .84 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY: (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington—9:02 a. m. 3:34 a. m. 9:27 p. m. 12:37 a. m. Masonboro—7:15 p. m. 12:59 a. m. Sunrise 5:56; Sunset 6:35; Moonset 8:49; Moonrise 3:47; Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Thursday 13.8 feet.



ARRIVING in the U. S. from Europe aboard the S. S. Marine Marlin, little Joseph Kopnicka, 3, has a greeting for Uncle Sam as he reaches New York under the sponsorship of the U. S. Committee for Care of European Children.— (International)

HUNDRED INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Crack Train Derails Near Suburban Chicago Late Last Night

CHICAGO, April 4.—(Friday)—Police estimated 100 persons were injured tonight when the Burlington railroad's speeding twin city Zephyr passenger train was derailed by a tractor that fell from a passing freight.

There were no early reports of fatalities.

Downer's Grove police said that the first three or four cars on the streamlined stainless steel train overturned and smashed into a passenger station.

T. E. Pratt, transportation officer for the Burlington, said the diesel Zephyr was derailed by "something" which fell on the track from a westbound freight train passing on an adjoining track.

Downer's Grove police also said that the passenger train had struck an obstruction which apparently dropped from a westbound freight.

Downer's Grove is located 21 miles southwest of Chicago and about 10 miles from Naperville where 45 persons died last April 25 in the collision of two other Burlington trains.

TRUMAN UNAFRAID OF COMMUNISTS

President Sees No Danger Of Party Becoming Dominant In Nation

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—Individual Communists in government posts are a menace in the eyes of President Truman but their party as a political force is not a danger to the nation.

That was the explanation the President gave to his news conference today of a letter he wrote to George H. Earle, 3d, on Feb. 28 saying that "people are very much worried up about the Communist bugaboo, but I am of the opinion that the country is perfectly safe so far as Communism is concerned—we have too many sane people."

Earle, former diplomat and Pennsylvania governor, had commented in Philadelphia that Mr. Truman's "philadelphia" characterization "astonishes me." He made public a reply to the President dated March 4, saying:

"When you refer to the Communist menace as a bugaboo, it is the most frightening thing I have ever heard."

"I am so worried that I intend to bring this matter to the attention of the leaders of our (Democratic) party and of the majority party and if their opinion coincides with yours, the future of our country is without hope."

Mr. Truman, when asked about the matter gave this interpretation of his views:

"He is not worried about the Communist party taking over the government because the country has too much sense ever to go Communist. He is against a person whose loyalty is not to the government of the United States holding a government job. He considers these two points entirely different things."

Along The Cape Fear

CAROLINA SOCIETY — Not so long ago we mentioned Mr. Lindsay Russell of Cardinal Point and referred to him as the founder of the North Carolina Society in New York.

Always singing the praises of any Wilmingtonian who leads the way in a matter of real significance Along The Cape Fear was anxious to learn more about that organization.

We finally prevailed upon Mr. Russell, a distinguished lawyer who has retired to his home town of York City and abroad, to tell us something about the club.

The society was organized in 1905 at the D. K. E. Club, located on 32nd Street in New York City.

Another Wilmingtonian who was present when the club came into being, in addition to Mr. Russell, was Mr. Joseph Strange.

STATE REPRESENTED — In addition to these two natives of

SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES GREEK LOAN; LT. HAYES GIVEN "EDGE" FOR POLICE CHIEF; TRUMAN STANDS BEHIND KRUG IN CHARGES

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Unsafe Mines Ordered Shut

Embattled Secretary Takes Action To Prevent Further Disasters

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—President Truman today rejected Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug's demand that the Centralia mine explosion in the Centralia mine explosion. At the same time the embattled secretary moved to prevent a recurrence of that disaster by closing 518 soft coal mines condemned as unsafe.

The President told his press conference that he had no intention of removing Krug from office, as the coal union leader had urged before a Congressional subcommittee a few hours earlier.

He refused to comment on the lurid charges of "butchery" and incompetence raised against Krug by Lewis, who held the secretary directly responsible for the 111 miners killed in last week's Centralia disaster.

But Mr. Truman said Krug was staying in the cabinet and that he regarded him as an efficient public officer.

That view was challenged scornfully by Lewis, who went before a House Labor subcommittee to testify on proposed mine safety legislation and expanded his testimony into an extraordinary personal attack on Krug.

Lewis denounced Krug as the "arch-criminal" of the Centralia explosion and said that the mines had been turned into "slaughterhouses" under his administration. He asked Congress to adopt a joint House-Senate resolution calling upon President Truman to oust the secretary.

Lewis also denied that the recent Supreme court decision ordering the miners' contract with the government had anything to do with the present mine shutdown, which he ordered as a six-day memorial to the Centralia victims.

He said the miners will return to work Monday in "any mine that is safe to enter," but he added bluntly that the UMW might call

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PETITIONS URGE DAYLIGHT SAVING

Only Three Unfavorable Responses Received, Says Benson

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The chairman of the Senate appropriations committee made this charge in a denouncing arraignment of the commissioners in a letter to the House.

The letter, which was approved by the House, said that the commissioners had received a total of 5,000 letters and 5,000 telegrams, and that the House had received 5,000 letters and 5,000 telegrams, and that the House had received 5,000 letters and 5,000 telegrams.

LILLIENTHAL WINS SENATE VICTORY

Upper Chamber Votes Against Sending Nomination To Committee

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—David E. Lillienthal, President Truman's choice for chairman of the Atomic Energy commission, scored a major victory today when the Senate refused, 52 to 38, to send his nomination back to committee for an FBI check.

This was widely interpreted as meaning that the Senate will confirm Lillienthal when a final vote comes, perhaps next week.

Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich) and Taft (R-Ohio), sometimes regarded as the "big two" among Senate Republicans, split on the issue.

Taft supported the recommendation offered by his first term colleague, Senator Bricker (R-Ohio).

Vandenberg, hardly an hour before the vote, appealed for rejection of the motion and for quick confirmation of Lillienthal as a "reliable man."

The Senate had agreed in advance to recess until Monday if the Bricker motion lost.

The breathing spell will give Lillienthal's opponents an opportunity to decide whether to carry on the fight next week in the face of apparently insurmountable odds.

Both sides said the opposition probably mustered its greatest strength in today's test.

Galleries Crowded The Senate galleries were crowded for the crucial vote and spectators broke into loud applause when Vandenberg finished his vigorous argument for Lillienthal.

Voting to recommit were 31 Republicans and 7 Democrats, while the victorious side included 18 Republicans and 34 Democrats.

It was a bitter defeat for Sen. Vandenberg.

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Council May Act Shortly

Governing Body Awaits Copy Of New Civil Service Law Before Move

BY EARL HOWARD Star Staff Writer

An authoritative and usually well-informed source revealed last night that Lt. Hubert Hayes, head of the detective force of the police department here, is being seriously considered as the successor to Charles H. Casteen as chief of the Wilmington police department and predicted that he would be recommended and confirmed at the next session of the city council.

The next session of the council is expected to be held either late this week or early next week, or as soon as a certified copy of the new civil service law is received by city officials.

The new law, passed by both houses of the legislature, the Senate last Thursday and the House Wednesday, gives to the governing body of the city the authority to select a police chief without the action being subject to confirmation by the civil service commission.

City Manager J. R. Benson asked yesterday if a new police chief had been decided on as yet, replied in the negative. He pointed out that the council could not act until a copy of the new law had been received. He did say, however, that it was only reasonable to expect that a selection would be made soon.

Last night was the first time that the name of Hayes had been mentioned prominently for the police chief post, although it has been known for several days that he was being considered, along with others, for the position.

Lt. Col. Etheridge, one of the

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GROWERS OPPOSE CHANGE OF TIME

Vegetable And Flower Group Against Daylight Saving Time

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—The peoples of three faiths will offer up their prayers in Jerusalem tomorrow in the Holy Day services of each religion.

Throughout all christendom the prayers of the devout will mention Jerusalem, where churchmen will lead Good Friday services in the very places where Jesus Christ suffered.

Muslims of the Islamic world commemorate the day for the death of the prophet Moses, as the Jews do.

Muslims make the annual pilgrimage to the small desert shrine near Jerich where Mohammed's adherents believe Moses lies buried.

For Jews it is the 3395th anniversary of the date Moses led his people out of Egypt.

Christian services in this troubled land commemorate the day on which Christ was tried, scourged and crucified and include a symbolic procession along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows) which is believed to correspond to the path he trod when he shouldered his cross and was led to Calvary.

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TOP TELEPHONE UNION and company officials are shown as they met with a government conciliator at the U. S. Labor Department in Washington, in an effort to head off the nationwide phone strike scheduled for April 7. They are (l. to r.): George S. Dring, assistant vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company; William Margolis, federal labor conciliator; and John J. Morgan, president of the American Union of Telephone Workers—(International Soundphoto).

Truman May Take Over All Phones

ALL CHRISTENDOM WILL PRAY TODAY

President Now Considering Seizure Of Industry If Strike Comes

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—President Truman tonight considered intervening to prevent a nationwide telephone strike which union leaders described as seemingly "inevitable."

Mr. Truman told a news conference he is investigating to determine whether he has authority to seize the industry.

Mr. Truman's seizure powers under the Smith-Connally Labor Disputes act expired last Dec. 31. However, some officials are studying the Federal Communications act, in the belief that it may permit seizure.

Secretary of Labor Schwelb said he may ask Attorney General Clark for a ruling on the government's powers.

He informed newsmen, however, he probably will wait until Saturday before making such a request, because experience has shown "they never start talking seriously until the last 24 hours."

John J. Moran, chairman of the National Federation of Telephone workers, told reporters that if the government finds a legal basis for seizure, and acts on it, the 287,000 NFWT members will stay on their jobs.

Moran made this comment as he emerged from a government-sponsored negotiating session with the American Telephone and Telegraph company's long distance service section.

All concerned conceded that the negotiations are in a stalemate. And J. A. Beirne, NFWT president, today messaged top telephone company officials that "the apparent lack of collective bargaining" indicates "that a strike is inevitable."

"If they (the government) seized the telephone industry, and there's a law against striking, we'll obey the law," Moran said. "But I don't know of any law which gives them the power."

Moran, president of the American Union of Telephone workers, NFWT's affiliate representing 30,000 long distance workers, said the "haste" with which the House Labor committee considered the Hartley bill indicated official belief that seizure powers are lacking.

That bill would authorize the President to obtain injunctions against strikes in key communications and transport industries.

Chairman Hartley (R-N.J.) whose House Labor committee approved the bill 16 to 3 yesterday, abandoned any hope of getting it through Congress before Monday's 6 a. m. (local time) strike deadline — less than four days off.

Allan S. Hayward, CIO vice president, attacked the Hartley proposal in a statement today. He said it is a "blatant, open interference in a labor dispute on the side of employers."

Beirne said that in event of a strike emergency telephone services will be furnished by the unions to police, fire departments, hospitals "and other services vital to the preservation of life and safety."

But he said this policy will continue only "as long as management of the respective companies makes no attempt to assign management personnel to the performance of non-management duties."

The union demands \$12 weekly pay increases and other contract revisions.

Teletype Circuits May Continue To Function

NEW YORK, April 3.—(AP)—Officials of the American Telephone

Truman Plan Hurdles Test

Amendment Gives U. N. Restricted Power To Halt Aid Program

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee stamped 13 to 0 approval on President Truman's Greek and Turkish aid program today after tacking on an amendment giving the U. N. restricted power to halt the program.

It was the first big test of the proposal to bolster the two Mediterranean countries against Communism by granting them \$400,000,000 worth of financial and limited military aid.

A Senate vote may come next week. Meantime, an Associated Press survey showed a majority of the House Foreign Affairs committee also favors passage.

The Senate committee approved a modified version of an amendment written by its chairman, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich). This new version, worked out after consultation with Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson, reads:

"The President is directed to withdraw any or all aid authorized herein under any of the following circumstances:

(1) If requested by the governments of Greece and Turkey, respectively, representing a majority of the people of either such nation;

(2) If the President is officially notified by the United Nations that the Security Council finds (with respect to which findings the United States waives the exercise of the veto) or that the general assembly finds that action taken or assistance furnished by the United Nations makes the continuance of such assistance unnecessary or undesirable;

(3) If the President finds that any purposes of the act have been substantially accomplished by the action of any other intergovernmental organization or finds that the purposes of the act are incapable of satisfactory accomplishment."

The original Vandenberg amendment gave the U. N. the power to stop the program by a 7-out-of-11 vote of the Security Council or a majority vote of the General Assembly.

At first glance, the language of the new version appears to leave the possibility that action taken or assistance furnished by the United Nations makes the continuance of such assistance unnecessary or undesirable.

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FIVE PASSENGERS KILLED IN CRASH

Army A-26 Plane Nose Dives Into Thicket, Bodies Mangled

RICHMOND, Va., April 3.—(AP)—A twin-engine Army bomber crashed in a roaring dive into a thicket 18 miles south of here today, killing the five persons aboard and showering the woods with burning wreckage.

The Richmond Army Air base was enroute on a routine flight from Myrtle Beach, S. C., to Bolling field at Washington.

All five bodies were burned and mangled almost beyond recognition and identification was difficult. Names were withheld until next of kin could be notified.

John Anthony, a farmer who was working a few hundred yards away, said the plane apparently was searching for an emergency landing spot in a low-hanging fog.

He said the pilot circled a field at about 150 feet altitude and then flew low over the woods. Anthony said the plane suddenly nose dived and crashed before the pilot could pull it out of the dive by applying power.

Capt. Richard A. Grant, investigating officer from the air base, said the plane was apparently in almost a vertical dive when it struck the ground. A watch found on one of the victims fixed the time of the crash at 11:15 a. m.

And So To Bed

One man, not a resident of Wilmington or New Hanover county, has gone on record as opposed to any change to daylight saving time.

Despite the fact that he lives several miles from the outer fringes of New Hanover, he nevertheless thinks it a bad thing and told officials here as much in just a few words.

In taking his stand, he said as far as he is concerned the people of Wilmington could well do without the time change since all they would do is change a thing were to take place would be "to spend their time frolics" on the beach, anyway.

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