Wilmington Morning Star FORECAST: Served By Leased Wires Wilmington and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness and warmer today, occasion-al showers tonight; Friday, cloudy and warm with showers. ASSOCIATED PRESS united PRESS With Complete Coverage of State and National News TOL. 80.-NO. 214 WILMINGTON, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1947 ESTABLISHED 1867

British Close Up Jerusalem

Mysterious Power Failure **Plunges City Into Pitch-**Black Darkness

JERUSALEM, Palestine, April 13- (U.P.) -A mysterious power failure plunged Jerusalem into pitchblack darkness tonight, and British military authorities, fearing an all-out Jewish underground attack. ordered all the city's gates closed. Police and military forces im-mediately were alerted, to repel my assault.

The sudden and unexplained blackout came shortly after the outlawed Irgun Zvai Leumi's announcement that it was setting up Irgun "military" courts to try all British prisoners that the Irgun captured. The Irgun said all Britons condemned to death by these Jewish courts would be executed by Irgun hangmen or firing

squads. Ship Towed In

During the day, a 300-ton Jewish refugee ship was towed into Haifa harbor with 12 wounded aboard-nine Jews and three British Navy men-as the result of a fierce fight between the Jews and a navy boarding party.

The Irgun announced the setting up of its "military" courts over the secret Irgun radio, "Fighting Zion." It listed a series of "charges" on which Britons would be tried, and for which the death penalty presumably would be aplicable.

The "charges" were: associawon with the British army, which was "illegal" in Palestine; "illegal" entry into Palestine; "Illegal" possession of arms and the "illegal" use of arms against the

Jewish populace. any Briton in the Holy Land could mittee, plans to take the stand in be killed by the Irgun, after ap-pearing before its "courts." The he took bribes to obtain munitions would be selected from the new Louisville and Nashville, Tenn., Irgun radio said sentences would contracts. be imposed without right of appeal.

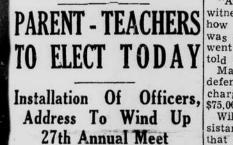
Admit Train Blast In the same broadcast, the Ir-

meeting.

inches.

gunists announced that it was they who blew up the Egypt-Palestine





ANDREW J. MAY, former Democratic Congressman from Kentucky, who will take the stand in District Court in Washington in his own defense on charges of conspiring to defraud the government in war contract dealings. — (AP Wirephoto).

MAY TO TESTIFY IN OWN DEFENSE

Former Congressman Will and receiving. Deny He Took Bribes, Attorney Declares

WASHINGTON, April 23 - (AP)-Andrew J. May, wartime chair- who did not figure in the first Under such "charges," nearly man of the House Military com- trial here.

His lawyer Sawyer Smith, told get underway this morning. the court today that it is untrue Acquittal Hearing

that the 71-year old Kentucky Frink revealed that the first At Detroit, the Michigan Bell politican profited from deals be politican profited from deals be-tween the Garsson munitions com-when it reconvenes at 9:30 a.m., merous instances of cut wires and bine and the Cumberland Lumber will be a hearing on his plea for cable tampering, calling it "van-

"Andrew J. May will take the already been cleared of a simwitness stand and explain to you ilar charge during the February how every dollar of that money term of court here. was spent, and how not, one cent H. L. Gurley, another former \$500 rewards for locating those went to Andrew J. May," Smith member of the local police de- responsible. The union said it told the jury. May is on trial with three co- three charges of storebreaking, action.

defendants accused of war fraud larceny and receiving. However, San Francisco, Los Angeles and charges in connection with the the Grissett trial will probably San Diego company officials like-\$75,000,000 Garsson combine. William A. Paisley, special as-sistant attorney general, charged (Continued on Page Two, Col. 2) Los Angeles cable 15 feet above

that May served as proprietor of the ground.

100 Jurymen FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL WIND UP Receive Call HECTIC MOSCOW CONFERENCE TODAY; Extra Venire Summoned PHONE FIRMS CHARGE LINE CUTTING For Possible Duty At Grissett Trial Today One hundred additional juryme

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One hundred additional juryme will appear in Superior court day at 9:30 a.m., at the e tion of Judge Clawson L. W' of Sanford, presiding jur' yesterday turned down f the removal of the R sett trial to another Following argume mer policeman's atton Frink, Elbert Brown L. Henry, and Solicitor C. Moore, James King and E. Bellamy for the state's prost d Government Undertakes Bellamy for the state's prose ation, Judge Williams ordered that Task Of Again Attempt-100 new jurors be drawn from ing To Settle Strike the jury box and summoned for

possible duty today. The names of the prospective WASHINGTON, April 23-(A)jurors in the Grissett trial were Reports of sabotage of some long drawn from the jury box in open distance cables came from telecourt by J .F. Flowers, Jr., young phone company officials 'day, son of the state patrolman. while the government undertook again to settle the country-wide **County Resident**

Attaches of Sheriff Porter phone strike. The new settlement approach is

Davis' office were busy late yes-terday afternoon and last night to revive peace talks in Washingnotifying the new group of jury- ton between the striking telephone All of the hundred must workers and three strategic parts

be non-residents of the city of of the Bell syster the long lines Wilmington and cannot be among division, the Western Electric comthe jurors who served or were pany and the Southwestern Bell even called for jury duty during Telephone company.

At Milwaukee, the Wisconsin the last term of Superior court here when Grissett was cleared Telephone company announced an of a similar charge of larceny offer of a \$1,000 reward for in-

formation leading to the arrest "of With four charges of storebreak persons who cut long distance ing, larceny and receiving facing cables" linking Milwaukee and Aphim, Grissett has added Ozmer L. pleton. Henry of Lumberton to his legal

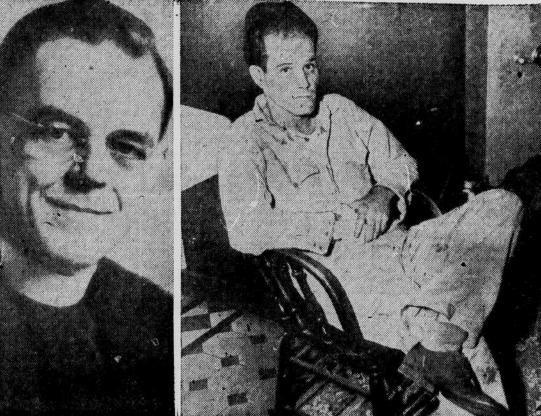
At Louisville, J. C. McAllister, staff of defenders while the state Kentucky manager of the Southwill be aided by Emmett Bellamy, ern Bell Telephone company, announced a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest Solicitor Moore expressed conand conviction of cable cutters.

venire and that the trial would was cut, as well as a lesser one between Russellville and Guthrie

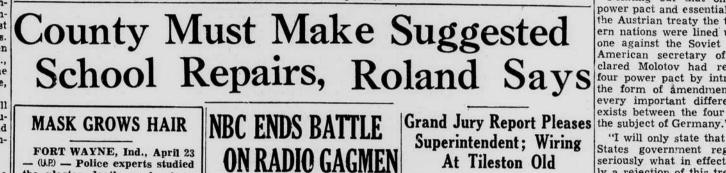
formal acquittal as Grissett has dalism or sabotage." **Union** Offers Reward

The Michigan company and the striking union there each offered partment, may be tried today on "unequivocally condemns" such

was executed for the sex murder of Alice May Girton, 18.



THE REV. JAMES W. COURTNEY (left), 46-ye ar-old Catholic priest, was stabled four times and seriously wounded as he bent over to administer the Holy Communion to a man kneeling in the Jesuits Church of the Immaculate Conception at New Orleans. Right: The assailant sits silently in New Orleans police headquarters after he was subdued in the church by worshippers and placed under arrest. Police identified him as D on Louis Laurentz, 27, of Houston and Beaumont, Tex. He ignored questions about the attack.—(A P Wirephoto).



Allen, Benny And Skelton

Can Air Views On

FORT WAYNE, Ind., April 23 - (U.P.) - Police experts studied the plaster death mask of an executed man today to determine whether it was growing hair.

The mask was sent to the police department shortly after electrocution in 1939 of Adrian H. Miller, 31, at the Indiana state prison. Miller, a former Wisconsin farm boy,

The National Broadcasting company ended its "fade-out" discouragement of radio gags about

Major Issues Go Unsolved

Marshall Charges Soviets With Blocking Action On Austrian Treaty

MOSCOW, April 23. -(P)- The Foreign Ministers council neared the break up of its longest and perhaps most hectic conference to night with major issues unsolved. The ministers agreed to try to wind up their Moscow meeting to morrow.

In a session which was delayed two hours in starting, U. S. Secretary of State Marshall caustically charged the Soviet Union with blocking action on the treaty for Austria and declared the United States favored referring the whole problem to the United Nations assembly if a treaty is not completed by the time the assembly meets in September.

Marshall also charged Russia with blocking the American-proposed four-power pact to keep Germany demilitarized.

Pointing out that on the fourpower pact and essential clauses in he Austrian treaty the three Western nations were lined up three to one against the Soviet Union, the American secretary of state declared Molotov had rejected the four power pact by introducing in the form of amendments "nearly every important difference which exists between the four powers on

"I will only state that the United States government regards very seriously what in effect is virtually a rejection of this treaty by the Soviet government," he added.

Molotov Curt

the New Hanover school system In a reply as curt, Molotov derevealed last night that he was clared the United States was trypleased with the report of the grand jury urging immediate re- ing to force other powers to sign pair of numerous school buildings its draft without amendment.

"If it is the intention of the United States delegation to substi-"The school board has funds only for maintenance of the prop-erty, hence the suggested repairs would be better to say so," the

Vice - **Presidents** in the system. HOLLYWOOD, April 23 -(U.P.)-

Superintendent H. M. Roland of

