House Votes Approval Of Labor

Union Bill By 320-79 Majority;

Coal Negotiations Washed Out

Cut In Army

Rep. Short Tells House Russia Knows Only "Language Of Force"

WASHINGTON, June 4 — (P)
The House l'.ened to Rep. Short (R-Mo) proclaim today that Rus-sia understands only 'the language of force" and then refused overwhelmingly to cut 30,000 enlisted men from the Army's planned strength next fiscal year. "For God's sake let's don't weaken our defenses," the Missourian pleaded. He expressed fear that the House already has cut too deeply into Army and Navy budgets for next year,

A rousing voice vote turned the reduction which was proposed in an amendment by Dirksen (R-III). It would have cut an additional \$125,000,000 from the Army pay allotment which Dirksen said is based on a number of personnel that will not be attained.

The House, still considering the War department's \$5,240,982,423 budget, deferred until tomorrow a decision on an amendmnt to boost funds for new airplan purchases by \$40,000,000.

The department's total for all punposes as recommended by the Appropriations committee is nearly \$500,000.000 below administration requests.

The appropriations committee previously had recommended, and the House upheld, a cut of \$128,-041,821 in the pay allotment which the committe said will cause a reduction of 20,100 in Army officer strength.

Dirksen's amendment would have required a cut of 30,000 in enlisted strength, another 5,000 in officer personnel, and additional aring of funds for flight pay for

Army could stand the additional reduction because its pay estimates were based on the assumption the Army's overall strength in the next fiscal year would be 1 070,000 officers and men. There won't be that many, he claimed. The amendemnt brought from Chairman Andrews (R-NY) disclosure that the House Armed Services committee soon will send to the floor legislation for permanent and sharp cuts in officer strength of the regular army. While Andrews disclosed no deber of high-ranking officers.

amendment to add \$40,000,000 to of Raleigh. the \$396,000,000 recommended by the Appropriations committee for new planes, spare engines and parts. The committee had lopped off \$44,000,000.

War Period Start The effect of the cut, Mahon told

the House, will be to reduce from 932 to 561 the number of modern new planes to be ordered next year. If upheld, it will mark the start "of the period that led to World War III," he said. Rep. Kilday (D-Tex) claimed

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MAYOR WHITE HAS 6-POINT PROGRAM

Favors Greater Development Of Port Here

Mayor E. L. White, Wilmingon's new chief executive, has a six-point program that he wishes be carried out.

At yesterday's initial council lession under his chairmanship, he called upon council members to bear in mind and work toward the accomplishment of such a pro-

In a brief talk he outlined his points as follows: 1. Continued extension of facili-

ties to the new area annexed by the city about a year ago. 2. Greater development of Wilnington's port.

2. Expansion of the playground ind park system. 4. Further development and ex-

pansion of industrial life providing more jobs for all citizens. 5. Operate a balanced budget with necessary appropriations for the health, welfare and protection of all citizens.

6. Hold taxes on homes and real estate to a minimum. The mayor presented his pro-

tram at the conclusion of the council meeting after paving repect and complimenting W. Ronald Lane for his duties as mayor during the last 12 months.

The Weather

FORECAST:

South and North Carolina—Fair and

Forecast.

Forecast. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours
ending 7:30 p. m. vesterday. D. m. yesterday. TEMPERATURES

m. 70. PRECIPITATION

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

TIDES FOR TODAY

See PARKING on Page Two

Speech Saves Ensign, Housing Men **ToMeetGroupsHere**

Farrell Announces Agreement For Parley At Courthouse On Date to Be Chosen: Clark Demand Produces Action

John H. Farrell, Wilmington In- | field operations;

W. Carman, deputy director for

area, r dwal vorth

washington
Creedon, housing
ers, contractors, real estate dealers and other individuals in the
near future.
The proposed meeting will be
eld in the New Hanover county
perior Court rooms at a date
be announced later.
last night. He
larman

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Third Street Residents Protest Truck Noises

LADY LUCK FROWNS

DECATUR, Ala., June 4-3/4.

-Since the horse and buggy era, pedestrian W. A. Ellner has doggedly dodged all forms of traffic in Decatur but today his luck ran out.

Walking home at noon, he neatly sidestepped an oncoming tricycle powered by a five-yearold. But the maneuver carried him into the path of another velocipede, manned by a fouryear-old, coming from the opposite direction.

Ellner was taken off the hospital with several broken ribs.

Air corps personnel. The Illinoisan told the House the STATE CAA GROUP **MOVES IN OFFICE**

Ground Floor Rooms In Customhouse To Be New Headquarters

Personnel of the state civilian aeronautics administration were yesterday afternoon moving into their new offices on the first floor tails, other members said the bill of the Customhouse and were would make deep cuts in the num- making arrangements to super- flagration. vise airport development in North Mahon (D-Tex) offered the Carolina from Wilmington instead fighting

Carolina and to assist persons de- in North Carolina. He drew a word siring technical advise and aid in picture of automobiles that would

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Home Owners' Association labor bill and the ap Delegates Appear

Methods to handle the huge conemplated amount of traffic travelng to and from the state American Legion convention at Carolina Beach this month, must be worked out.

were brought forceably before the reached. The mines were seized city council members yesterday in last spring's strike. by a delegation from the Third — a large portion of whom were June 27, and union officials have women — was Col. Lawrence indicated the miners will consider

He called attention to the accidental spilling of about 5,000 gallons of gasoline on the street two trators refused to attend a schedweeks ago which could have resulted, he said, in a serious conflagration.

weeks ago which could have resulted, he said, in a serious control operators this morning after the producers broke their silence

a fire hazard?" he asked.

Nineteen Newspapermen Still Held By Chinese

een Chinese Newspapermen re- demonstrations. main under arrest and four newspapers still are closed since the from war-time controls.

In addition, censorship was re-New Chief Magistrate stored in Tientsin on the domestic press. It does not appear to be ing an erroneous report' on the affecting foreign press dispatches suspension of the other three. from that city. The measures began last month

agitation for more food allowances danger peace and order."

mington meters.

police officers.

him a ticket.

department last night.

Chamber of Commerce and turn-

ed over to the Wilmington Police

letter, praised the parking meter set-up here and paid high com-

pliments to the courtesy of local

He said that several weeks ago

while visiting in this city, he tried

to insert a coin in one of the

meters, but found a slug had jam-

med the meter. Upon returning to

his car, the letter stated, he dis-

After informing the officer

about the meter, the letter con-

tinued, the policeman, W. W.

Lewis, smiled and gave him a

white ticket, which extended him

a warm welcome to the city. "The

ticket gave me, a visitor, the right

"The Wilmington police depart-

On May 24, three left-of-center

tary authorities." A fourth newspaper was suspended two days later for "print-

during the heat of the student times not to publish reports on demonstrations, which started as the student agitation "likely to en-

PARKING METERS HERE WIN PRAISE ON AIRPORT AFFAIRS R. Haber, 55-year-old associate professor of zoology at Pennsyl-

Elizabeth City Man Com- of the Wilmington District Corps State police were asked to hunt pliments Local Police For Courtesies Peleg Midgett, prominent Eliza-

beth City businessman, in a letter to gleenwood Meads, secretary of ther develop Bluethenthal Field, the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, suggested that when has invited prominent Wilmington- State penitentiary were taken to ians to serve. Invitations have his home in hope they could pick parking meters are installed there, they should be operated been sent to H. E. Boyd, Sr., W. up the trail that may lead into W Bell, H. C. Rorison, Fred Wil- the mountains adjacent to the along the same pattern as the Willetts, James Pennington, E. L. town where he made a habit of White, Albert Perry, Carl Dunn hiking into the woodlands to study A copy of Midgett's letter to

Mead was sent to the Wilmington and Mr. Page. service on the defunct Wilming-

Before Council Something must be done to alleviate the noise of jarring trucks the chance of a strike July 1, or

and motorcycles which roar July 7 at the latest. The operators along South Third street at all have an eye on the restrictions hours of the day and night, an- on a mine walk-out which the lanoying residents and keeping peo- bor bill will impose if the Presi-

le awake. dent signs it or Congress over-And is Wilmington is a position rides a veto. to combat any fire that might arise from the large quantities of gasoline brought through the city and in some instances kept here his 400,000 soft coal miners exlikely by June 15. The governpires June 30th with the lapsing

Those matters and that question ered likely if a new pact is not

street Home Owners association. Speaking in behalf of the gruop cation coming to them beginning

Cites Gas Spill

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SHANGHAI, June 4 —(P)—Nine-| and wound up as anti-civil war North and West, representing

Chinese newspapers in Shanghai government two weeks ago began were suspended for "attempting its first crackdown on the press to overthrow the government by in more than a year of freedom printing news detrimental to mili-

they had been warned several

HICKS NEW CHAIRMAN

Hamilton Hicks, civilian official missing in 24 hours. of Engineers, is the new chairman of the reorganized airport commit-wife after he failed to return of State Spruille Braden today, He succeeds R. B. Page. Page he did not appear to conduct a

The committee planned to fur- search.

OF CHAMBER GROUP under way today for Dr. Vernon

tee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hicks has completed a year's planes joined the hunt. ton-New Hanover Airport author-The Elizabeth City man, in his ity.

The local office has a staff of The speaker declared that South

"Do we have chemical and fire ed details of their wage offer to

Bosses, Union

Marking Time

Both Sides Await Truman

Action On Taft-Hartley

Labor Measure

WASHINGTON, June 4- (P) -

Contract negotiations between

John L. Lewis and the soft coal

operators were washed out indef-

initely today. Both sides settled

down to wait for President Tru-

man's action on the Taft-Hartley

labor bill and the approach of a

Both Lewis and the operators

seemed content to mark time

while pressures build up for a set-

The miners ace in the hole is

Action on the legislation seems

of wartime authority to retain

government possession of the

The miners don't work without

a contract, so a strike is consid-

Mine Holiday

June 27, and union officials have

themselves idle for that reason

The United Mine workers nego-

until July 7.

The miners have a ten-day va-

seven men and women whose duty Third street is the most traveled wage increase-to \$12.70-involved it is to promote aviation in North thoroughfare, with one exception, wiping out portal-to-portal pay for one hour each day. The Southern operators wanted to hike the daily wage, but to pay only for eight hours of productive time. Miners would walk or ride from the mine entrance to their place of work, sometimes several miles, on their

The disagreement over wages brought about suspension of the Southern negotiations. Last Saturabout 75 per cent of the industry,

See BOSSES on page Two

HUNDREDS SEARCH

Newspapers in Shanghai said Pennsylvania State College Professor Believed Lost In Mountains

> STATE COLLEGE, Pa., June 4 R. Haber, 55-year-old associate

vania State college who has been missing from his home more than home for lunch yesterday. When

continues as a committee mem- final examination at ahe college, the student body joined in the Bloodrounds from the Rockview

bird and animal life. Three air Professor Haber lives with his wife near the college compus.

Bridges Hits Italian Treaty As War Bid;



TO FORESTALL AN ANTICIPATED 300-CALO RY DAILY CUT in the German food ration, a fleet of 116 U. S. ships have started unloading food in German ports. At right, the first shipload at Hamburg. The feeding of our former enemy will cost the American taxpayers some \$750,000,000 in 1948, economists predict. At left, German children follow an American truck begging for scraps of food.—(International).

C. McD. Davis Opposes Move To Amend Railroad

April Sales Report Rubs Shine Off Business Boom

Retail Buying Over Nation Falls Below March Total, Agency Says

WASHINGTON, June 4- (AP) -Some more shine was rubbed off boom today by a Commerce de-This offer for an 85-cent daily partment report on April retail sales.

> These sales, the department said, went below March after seasonal factors and differences in the number of trading days were taken into account. The department's index of re

tail sales dipped four points in April, although it was still 174 per cent above the prewar (1935-39)

This added to indications that April may have marked a turn in the economic tide. The Federal Reserve board reported industrial production went down somewhat that month, and the Commerce department declared the long and steady upsurge of business had

Record Sales April retail sales were valued at \$8,810,000,000, topping those of

(See APRIL On Page Two) **BRADEN RESIGNS**

-A widespread search was President Truman Praises Undersecretary For Long Public Service

WASHINGTON, June 4 -(AP)-President Truman accepted the of State Spruille Braden today, just 24 hours after the United States acted to reestablish good relations with Argentina.

Braden, outspoken critic of Argentina's policy in the past, leaves the State department June 30. This vacancy in Secretary Marshall's official family may be fillcoraing to present informed spec-

Marshall may name someone See BRADEN on Page Two

JUST WAIT!

NEW YORK, June 4 - (P)-"Call me up when I'm about 80. When I graduate from college you'll have a real story." Thus did Mrs. Rose Altshuler, 67-year-old Russian-born Brooklyn woman, dismiss lightly her graduation from elementary

school today. She plans to go right on with high school work. "Today I have done nothing wonderful," she said. "But may-be when I graduate from col-

WASHINGTON, June 4 - (P) -Representatives of the Association of American Railroads, including C. McD. Davis, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, are opposed

Testify At Hearing Be-

fore Senate Committee

to proposed amendments that would make the pending railroad reorganization bill apply to railroads now in process of reorganiby Carter Fort, of the AAR, appeared before senators at a hear-

ing here. Fort, AAR vice-president and general counsel, supported the bill as originally drawn, saying it

and much-needed reform in the porters of the measure said it is a See DAVIS on Page Two

AWOL G. I. Lived Four Years In Desolate Cave

-(P)-Deputy Sheriff Andy Casto abandon his life in the cave about form. He admitted he was whipsaid today he had arrested a sol- a mile outside the hamlet. dier who went AWOL in Septem- Casto reported Starr had let his ber of 1942 and has lived almost hair grow long and wore women's five years since then in a deso- clothes for occasional trips into late cave in the nearby hill coun- Clarksburg for supplies. Today he troversy between backers and op-

Casto identified him as Jesse W. | cure. Starr, 30, of Mount Clare, about five miles from Clarksburg, and ed Starr had enlarged the natural calamity" strikes during an 80said he went "over the hill" from opening until he had a niche about day period of efforts to settle the

Camp Reynolds, Pa., eight months the size of a bedroom. He slept after being drafted. The deputy sheriff and a detail of MP's caught the soldier today ty jail here pending transfer to at the home of a friend at Mount Army authorities at Fort Knox,

Clare, where Starr turned up Ky. POSSIBILITY LOOMS FOR EARLY DEMISE

WASHINGTON, June 4 -(P)-Secretary of Agriculture Anderson Grace Methodist Church held out today the possibility of a fairly early end to the rationing of sugar to housewives.

Citing a large Cuban sugar crop, Anderson told a Senate Banking sub-committee that "we are get ting very close to the point" ed in either one of two ways, ac- where rationing might safely be ended.

There are also some arguments against it, he added, and "I think high school auditorium in a conwith long experience in foreign af- it is a pretty close question." Under the law sugar rationing American policy, which Braden will end October 31, but the secre- \$915.52 to Grace Methodist church tary can end it sooner if he deems it wise.

can Claims Her Future

Will Be Vassal State

WASHINGTON, June 4- (AP)

her satellites."

the United States."

ACL MALE CHORUS DEAD AT CAPITAL OF SUGAR RATIONING AIDS CHURCH FUND Hangings Account For

An inspection of the cave show

on a clump of straw and rags.

Starr is being held in the coun-

Presented With Check From Concert

Last night was pay-off night for the Atlantic Coast Line Male chor-That is to say, the chorus which recently made its debut at the

cert that pleased a large audience last night presented a check for duction. Furthermore, the chorus presented another musical program erlain, 22, of Silver Spring, Md., at the church's regular mid-week service in St. Paul's Lutheran Collier, 48, an employe of the Red Parish house, which was as en-

"Fellow Travelers" Hold Oak Ridge Jobs | joyable as the concert at the high school, when a silver offering was made which raised the total gift to \$1006.32. The chorus was enabled to con- Montgomery county. New Hampshire Republitribute the entire net proceeds of its concert to the church's rebuilding fund through the generosity of Wilmington business firms and individuals.

> The chorus had just been reorganized after several years. It Senator Bridges (R-NH) today lacked many of the things such blasted at the peace treaty with an organization needs. If it had Italy as "an invitation to war" been compelled to buy them in POWER CURRENT-The major and declared it would make Italy order to give the initial concert portion of the current for the sys- "a vassal of Soviet Russia and little money would have been left for the church fund. It did not have to invest a penny in any of them. The White Ice Cream company paid for the tickets. C. E. Simp-

> "repudiating the government of son of the City Optical company provided the music binders. W. L. y of New Bern. treaties with Italy, Hungary, Bulpaid for needed music. A. B. Power is generated at 2,300 garia and Rumania was set for 1 Cheutham of Saunders paid for volts. It is distributed at various p.m. (EST) tomorrow. A two-third the auditorium and janitor serv-

Measure Goes To Senators

ESTABLISHED 1867

White Expected To Get Legislation Late Today; Fate There Uncertain

BULLETIN WASHINGTON, June 4. -(P) The North Carolina house delegation of 12 members voted solidly today for passage of the bill to restrict labor unions and strikes, which was sent

South Carolina's six representatives also were recorded in favor of the bill. Rep. Riley was absent but was paired for

WASHINGTON, June 4. - (AP)-The House gave final approval late oday to the compromise labor union bill and sent it to the Senate. The vote was? The Senate is expected to pass

the legislation tomorrow and send

fate is uncertain. Some administration leaders have urged President Truman to veto the bill, but its supporters claim they have enough votes to make the measure law even if he should efuse to sign it.

Before passing the measure on a roll call vote the House refused a last-minute effort of opponents of the measure to send it back to the Senate-House Conference on a ACL President, Others Senate-House standing vote, 246 to 55. The bill would place numerous

restrictions on unions and their leaders. The final tally in the House showed 217 Republicans and 103 Democrats for, 66 Democrats, 12 Republicans and one American-Laborite

Momentous Decision Although the bill's backers are sure it will become law whatever President Truman does, he is facing one of the most momentous decisions of his career because of its possible effects on the 1948 elec-

Advocates and opponents of a veto are building up pressure on the White House, but the President remains silent on his intentions. In today's hot debate, House sup-

"face to face" and of avoiding 'economic chaos." Opponents denounced it as "an evil thing" turned out by "labor haters." And they went down bat-tling.

means of meeting John L. Lewis

Rep. Lesinski (D.-Mich) made a last minute try to mottle the bill up again in a Senate-House com-CLARKSBURG, W. Va., June 4 three days ago after deciding to mittee that put it in compromise ped before he started. Some Provisions

> Some major provisions of the bill, subject of weeks of hot conhad a fresh haircut and a mani- ponents, would: 1. Give the government an injunction weapon to stop "national

> > disputes by mediation. 2. Forbid various kinds of lesser See MEASURE On Page Two

THREE MEN FOUND

All Deaths; Fourth Jumps From Bridge

WASHINGTON, June 4 -(AP)-Three men were found hanged today in the Washington area and another took his own life by leaping from the Taft bridge into Rock Creek park. Coroner A. Magruder McDonald

of the District of Columbia ruled that Leon W. Moffett, 64, a veteran trade journal correspondent here, ended his life by hanging in the basement of his home and that Louis Wills, 30, a jewelry firm accourtant, killed himself in the leap from the bridge. In the late afternoon Ralph Kill-

a war veteran, and E. Anderson Cross for 20 years, also of Silver joyable as the concert at the high Spring, were found hanged in the basements of their respective homes. No immediate findings were made by the coroner of

And So To Bed

John Davis, representative of the Negro state American Legion to be held in Wilmington at the same time as other Legionaries meet at Carolina Beach, walked into the city council meeting yestrday and asked a little financial assistance for his group. "Well just about how much

do you think your group will need?" asked City Manager J. R. Benson. "If we ask so much, we wont

get what we ask," he replied. 'If no amount is asked, we may get more than we ask." Council members agreed. They

his car, the letter stated, he discovered a city policeman writing Rep. Thomas Says Commu-Along The Cape Fear nists Now Ensconced In Atomic Bomb Plant ELECTRICA LPOWER - Elec- | Beaufort, Those plants supply that

NEW YORK, June 4 -(P)-Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, (R-NJ), chairman of the House un-American many that "fellow travelers, if not actual members of the Communist the Tide Water Power company, a party, selves" in the atomic energy and Electric System. plants at Oak Ridge, Tenn. "The Atomic Energy commis-

hoped the city officials would sion must come to grips shortly adopt the methods used in Wil- with pro-Soviet infiltration of its The little white card, placed on the current issue of Liberty mag- ed in Wilmington. It consists of the windshield of all visiting cars azine. He urged that atomic bomb

trical service is available in vir- portion of the area which is isotually every section of New Hanover county. The power, as in tem. in other communities activities committee, said today throughout the nation, is distributed by one firm. That one is

have ensconced them- subsidiary of the Associated Gas Fifteen other adjoining and nearby counties also receive their power from that same company. The principal generating facilities own organization," he declared in for the entire 16 courties is locat

Diesel plants likewise are oper See REP. THOMAS on Page Two ated in nearby Morehead City and See CAPE FEAR on Page Two

lated from the interconnected sys-

tem is purchased at three points from the Carolina Power & Light Democratic leader Barkley, company. About 85 per cent of the however, told the Senate that retotal system requirements come jection of the treaty would be from that concera. A small amount of the power is purchased from the municipali- The vote on ratification of peace Futrelle of Futrelle's Pharmacy ty of New Bern.

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TEMPERATURES 1:30 a. m. 72; 7:50 a. m. 68, 1:00 p. m. 7; 7:30 p. m. 69; Maximum 79; Minimum 66; Mean 73; Normal 75. 1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 61; 1:30 p. m. 1:30 p. m. 70.

to park as long as I liked," he ment are to be complimented on their courtesy to visitors," Midgett wrote. He went on to say that when parking meters are installed at Elizabeth city that he

fer stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at m. Wednesday missing feet. More WEATHER On Page Two