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## Speech Saves Cut In Army

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

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## Ensign, Housing Men To Meet Groups Here

### Farrell Announces Agreement For Parley At Courthouse On Date To Be Chosen; Clark Demand Produces Action

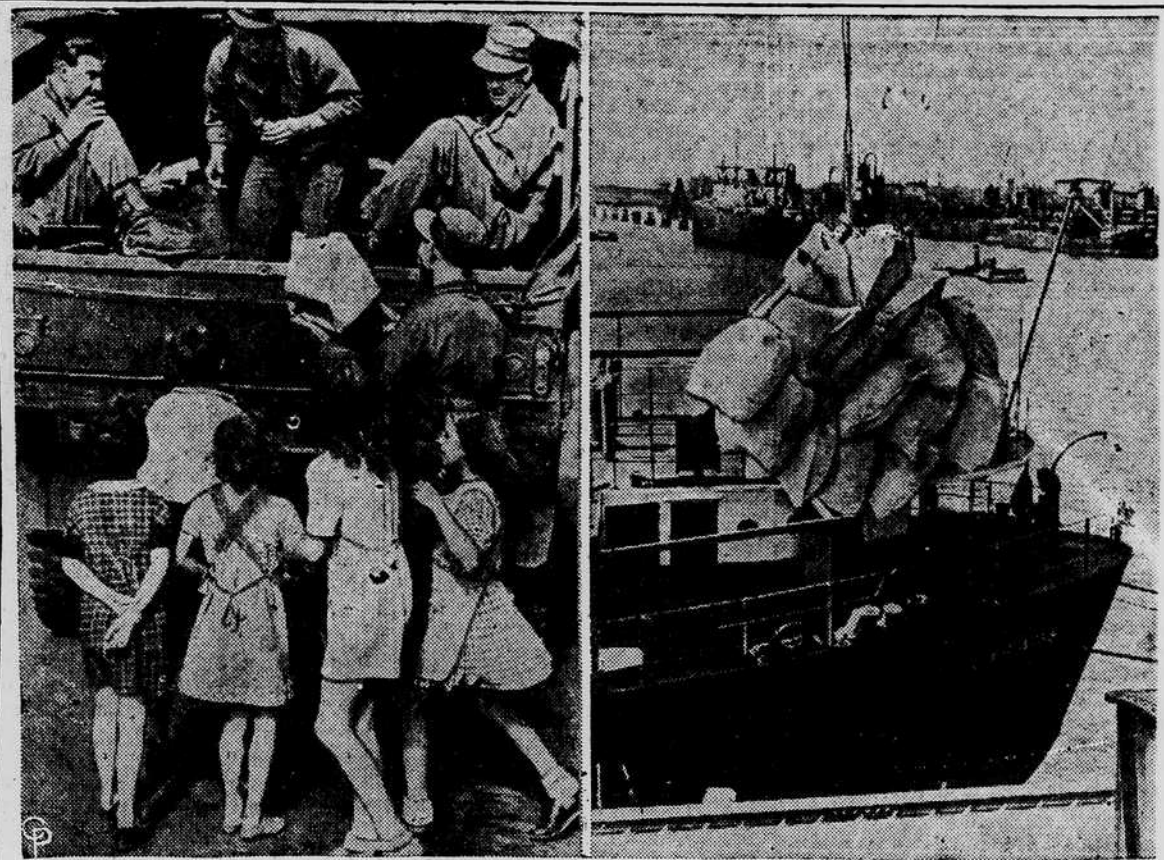
John H. Farrell, Wilmington Industrial Agent, said last night that Chester Ensign, manager of the Greensboro office of the Civilian Production Administration and two members of the Washington office of Frank Creedon, housing expeditor, have agreed to meet with local veterans groups, millers, contractors, real estate dealers and other individuals in the near future. The proposed meeting will be held in the New Hanover county Superior Court rooms at a date to be announced later, Farrell said last night. He said that O. W. Carman, deputy director for field operations; Johnson, supervisor in the Carolina area, represent the Greensboro office of the Civilian Production Administration and two members of the Washington office of Frank Creedon, housing expeditor, have agreed to meet with local veterans groups, millers, contractors, real estate dealers and other individuals in the near future.

# House Votes Approval Of Labor Union Bill By 320-79 Majority; Coal Negotiations Washed Out

## Bosses, Union Marking Time

### Both Sides Await Truman Action On Taft-Hartley Labor Measure

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—Contract negotiations between John L. Lewis and the soft coal operators were washed out indefinitely today. Both sides settled down to wait for President Truman's action on the Taft-Hartley labor bill and the approach of a July strike deadline. Both Lewis and the operators seemed content to mark time while pressures build up for a settlement. The miners ace in the hole is the chance of a strike July 1, or July 7 at the latest. The operators have an eye on the restrictions on a mine walk-out which the labor bill will impose if the President signs it or Congress overrides a veto.



TO FORESTALL AN ANTICIPATED 300-CALORY 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)

## Measure Goes To Senators

### White Expected To Get Legislation Late Today; Fate There Uncertain

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—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 to the Senate. South Carolina's six representatives also were recorded in favor of the bill. Rep. Riley was absent but was paired for passage. The Senate is expected to pass the legislation tomorrow and send it to the White House where its fate is uncertain. Some administration leaders have urged President Truman to veto the bill, but his supporters claim they have enough votes to make the measure law even if he should refuse 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 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 against.

## Third Street Residents Protest Truck Noises

### LADY LUCK FROWNS

DECATUR, Ala., June 4.—(AP)—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 nearly sidestepped an oncoming tricycle powered by a five-year-old. But the maneuver carried him into the path of another vehicle, manned by a four-year-old, coming from the opposite direction. Ellner was taken off the hospital with several broken ribs.

## Home Owners' Association Delegates Appear Before Council

Something must be done to alleviate the noise of jarring trucks and motorcycles which roar along South Third street at all hours of the day and night, annoying residents and keeping people awake. And is Wilmington is a position to combat any fire that might arise from the large quantities of gasoline brought through the city and in some instances kept here temporarily? Methods to handle the huge contemplated amount of traffic traveling to and from the state American Legion convention at Carolina Beach this month, must be worked out. Those matters and that question were brought forcibly before the city council members yesterday by a delegation from the Third Street Home Owners association. Speaking in behalf of the group—a large portion of whom were women—was Col. Lawrence Simpson.

## 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 of the Customhouse and were making arrangements to supervise airport development in North Carolina from Wilmington instead of Raleigh. The local office has a staff of seven men and women whose duty it is to promote aviation in North Carolina and to assist persons desiring technical advice and aid in (See STATE ON PAGE TWO)

## MINERS HOLIDAY

The miners have a ten-day vacation coming to their beginning June 27, and union officials have indicated the miners will consider themselves idle for that reason until July 7. The United Mine workers negotiators refused to attend a scheduled meeting with the Southern coal operators this morning after the producers broke their silence at a news conference and disclosed details of their wage offer to Lewis. This offer for an 85-cent daily wage increase to \$12.70—involved 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 own time. The disagreement over wages brought about suspension of the Southern negotiations. Last Saturday the talks with operators of the North and West, representing about 75 per cent of the industry, (See BOSSES ON PAGE TWO)

## C. McD. Davis Opposes Move To Amend Railroad Bill

### April Sales Report Rubs Shine Off Business Boom

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—Representatives of the Association of American Railroads, including C. McD. Davis, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, are opposed to proposed amendments that would make the pending railroad reorganization bill apply to railroads now in process of reorganization. The railroad executives, headed by Carter Fort, of the AAR, appeared before senators at a hearing here. Fort, AAR vice-president and general counsel, supported the bill as originally drawn, saying it would "bring about a wholesome and much-needed reform in the (See DAVIS ON PAGE TWO)

## Nineteen Newspapermen Still Held By Chinese

SHANGHAI, June 4.—(AP)—Nineteen Chinese newspapermen remain under arrest and four newspapers still are closed since the government two weeks ago began its first crackdown on the press in more than a year of freedom from war-time controls. In addition, censorship was restored in Tientsin on the domestic press. It does not appear to be affecting foreign press dispatches from that city. The measures began last month during the heat of the student demonstrations, which started as agitation for more food allowances and wound up as anti-civil war demonstrations. On May 24, three left-of-center Chinese newspapers in Shanghai were suspended for "attempting to overthrow the government by printing news detrimental to military authorities." A fourth newspaper was suspended two days later for "printing an erroneous report" on the suspension of the other three. Newspapers in Shanghai said they had been warned several times not to publish reports on the student agitation "likely to endanger peace and order."

## HUNDREDS SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., June 4.—(AP)—A widespread search was under way today for Dr. Vernon R. Haber, 55-year-old associate professor of zoology at Pennsylvania State college who has been missing from his home more than 24 hours. State police were asked to hunt for the missing professor by his wife after he failed to return home for lunch yesterday. When he did not appear to conduct a final examination at the college, the student body joined in the search. Bloodhounds from the Rockview State penitentiary were taken to his home in hope they could pick up the trail that may lead into the mountains adjacent to the town where he made a habit of hiking into the woodlands to study bird and animal life. Three airplanes joined the hunt. Professor Haber lives with his wife near the college campus. They have no children. (See BRADEN ON PAGE TWO)

## BRADEN RESIGNS DEPARTMENT POST

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—President Truman accepted the resignation of Assistant Secretary 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 filled in either one of two ways, according to present informed speculation. Marshall may name someone with long experience in foreign affairs to head up not only Latin American policy, which Braden (See BRADEN ON PAGE TWO)

## PARKING METERS HERE WIN PRAISE

### Elizabeth City Man Compliments Local Police For Courtesies

Peleg Midgett, prominent Elizabeth City businessman, in a letter to Greenwood Meads, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, suggested that when parking meters are installed there, they should be operated along the same pattern as the Wilmington meters. A copy of Midgett's letter to Meads was sent to the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and turned over to the Wilmington Police department last night. The Elizabeth City man, in his letter, praised the parking meter set-up here and paid high compliments to the courtesy of local police officers. 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 jammed the meter. Upon returning to his car, the letter stated, he discovered a city policeman writing him a ticket. After informing the officer about the meter, the letter continued, 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 to park as long as I liked," he wrote. "The Wilmington police department 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 hoped the city officials would adopt the methods used in Wilmington. The little white card, placed on the windshield of all visiting cars (See PARKING ON PAGE TWO)

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE PROFESSOR BELIEVED LOST IN MOUNTAINS

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## THREE MEN FOUND DEAD AT CAPITAL

### Hangings Account For 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 Willis, 30, a jewelry firm accountant, killed himself in the leap from the bridge. In the late afternoon Ralph Killerman, 22, of Silver Spring, Md., a war veteran, and E. Anderson Collier, 48, an employee of the Red Cross for 20 years, also of Silver Spring, were found hanged in the basements of their respective homes. No immediate findings were made by the coroner of Montgomery county. 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 yesterday 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 won't get what we ask," he replied. "If no amount is asked, we may get more than we ask." Council members agreed. They voted \$100. (See BRIDGES ON PAGE TWO)

## The Weather

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(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Metropolitan area for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:  
TEMPERATURES  
1:30 a. m. 77; 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 p. m. 97; 7:30 p. m. 89; Maximum 97; Minimum 69; Mean 73; Normal 75.  
HUMIDITY  
1:30 a. m. 54; 7:30 a. m. 61; 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 70.  
PRECIPITATION  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.0 inches.  
Since the first of the month 1.20 inches.  
TIDES FOR TODAY  
From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.  
Wilmington  
11:18 a. m. 5:51 p. m.  
Moonset 6:12 a. m. 2:32 p. m.  
Moonrise 7:30 p. m.  
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## Bridges Hits Italian Treaty As War Bid; "Fellow Travelers" Hold Oak Ridge Jobs

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—Senator Bridges (R-NH) today blasted the peace treaty with Italy as "an invitation to war" and declared it would make Italy "a vassal of Soviet Russia and her satellites." Democratic leader Barkley, however, told the Senate that rejection of the treaty would be "repudiating the government of the United States." The vote on ratification of peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania was set for 1 p. m. (EST) tomorrow. A two-third vote is required for ratification. Beaufort, Those plants supply that portion of the area which is isolated from the interconnected system. POWER CURRENT—The major portion of the current for the system is purchased at three points from the Carolina Power & Light company. About 85 per cent of the total system requirements come from that concern. A small amount of the power is purchased from the municipality of New Bern. Power is generated at 2,300 volts. It is distributed at various (See BRIDGES ON PAGE TWO)

Rep. Thomas Says Communists Now Ensnared In Atomic Bomb Plant  
NEW YORK, June 4.—(AP)—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, (R-NJ), chairman of the House un-American activities committee, said today that "fellow travelers, if not actual members of the Communist party, have ensnared themselves" in the atomic energy plants at Oak Ridge, Tenn. "The Atomic Energy commission must come to grips shortly with pro-Soviet infiltration of its own organization," he declared in the current issue of Liberty magazine. He urged that atomic bomb (See REP. THOMAS ON PAGE TWO)

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