

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness, scattered showers and warm today and tonight except cooler in west portion tonight; Sunday rain and cooler.

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JAPS ORDERED TO STOP PRESS, RADIO CENSORSHIP Lewis Renews Offer To Meet Coal Operators For Negotiations

400,000 Workers Away From Jobs Over Nation Due To Labor Disputes

The nation's strike lines, expanding steadily since the end of the war, bulged today as 400,000 workers remained away from their jobs because of labor disputes.

By The Associated Press

The strife along the labor front struck hardest at five major industries—automotive, coal, lumber, oil and electrical power—as the number of idle touched a new high for the past several months.

Stoppages affecting two of the industries, oil and coal, appeared headed for a climax. There also were indications that a settlement was imminent in a three-weeks old strike affecting some 40,000 employees of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. plants in six states.

In Washington, Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach was ready to step into the conference between CIO union leaders and representatives of oil companies in efforts to settle a strike of 35,000 workers in eight states and avert a threatened nationwide walkout of 250,000.

The conference was to resume negotiations over a wage-hour dispute, in which the union is seeking a 30 per cent wage rate increase. The issue failed of settlement in three days of meetings in Chicago where the union announced a nationwide strike would be called if the conference fails.

Also in Washington, the next move in the work stoppage in Pennsylvania and West Virginia coal mines, including some 37,000 miners, appeared up to John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers. Bituminous coal operators declined Lewis' invitation to meet until the miners returned to their pits. Lewis had said if they refused to meet, the union would feel "free to take such independent action as may be required."

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NO STRIKES IN N. C. MILLS

Strike Threats Among Textile Workers Fail To Materialize

By The Associated Press Threatened strikes of thousands of textile workers throughout the south had apparently failed to materialize in Carolina textile mills today.

Most of the textile centers of the two states reported that no new walkouts had been reported, and apparently the only work stoppages of any consequence were those at several textile plants where operations were disrupted some time ago because of labor-management disputes.

Negotiations among management, labor and representatives of the U. S. Conciliation service over a dispute at the Erwin Cotton mills of Durham, suspended over the week-end, will be resumed early next week, according to Herbert Payne, TWUA official. Payne said last night that "we are not making very much progress."

AT WHITE OAK Many workers at the White Oak Denim mills of the Cone textile chain at Greensboro were reported to have signed union cards after the inauguration of an intensive union campaign at the mill for the designation of a bargaining agent. The strike at the mill employing some 2,000 persons ended its fourth day yesterday.

At High Point, some 1,000 hostelry workers without union affiliation, continued idle because of a boarders' strike which had spread this week to the 13th plant in the High Point area.

In South Carolina the State Labor Board reported that the only idle plants listed were those at Rock Hill and Gaffney where operations were halted some time ago because of labor disputes.

UNION ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OVER

CIO Oil Workers Claim One Company Has Agreed To Up Pay

FLATLY REJECTED

By Harold Ward

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—

(AP)—John L. Lewis today renewed his offer to meet with soft coal operators in an effort to settle a dispute over recognition of the foremen's union. The argument halted work at more than 80 West Virginia and Pennsylvania mines.

The operators flatly rejected the United Mine Workers' president's invitation for a conference Monday afternoon, asserting the union was attempting to take over management of the mines.

Lewis announced his offer as conciliation conferences to settle an eight-state oil strike were resumed here under the supervision of Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach. The CIO oil workers announced they had signed a contract with a California oil company calling for a 30 per cent wage increase.

In a telegram to Ezra Van Horn of the national bituminous negotiating committee at Cleveland, Lewis said: "I fear greatly that your insolent attitude will have a highly provocative effect on the minds of your disappointed foremen and superiors."

"We deplore these circumstances and again ask you to join us in a calm approach in joint conference to a solution of the controversy."

Lewis made public a letter which the union had attached to the contract written last spring, giving the background to the negotiations over recognition of the foremen's union, a branch of UMW district 50. A demand for inclusion of supervisory employees was dropped by Lewis at that time in a last minute effort to reach agreement on an industry-wide contract.

Lewis disclosed that he had offered a substitute demand, which had been rejected by the operators, providing for referral of the supervisory issue to the National Labor Relations board for settlement. As the contract finally was written, however, it contained no such provision.

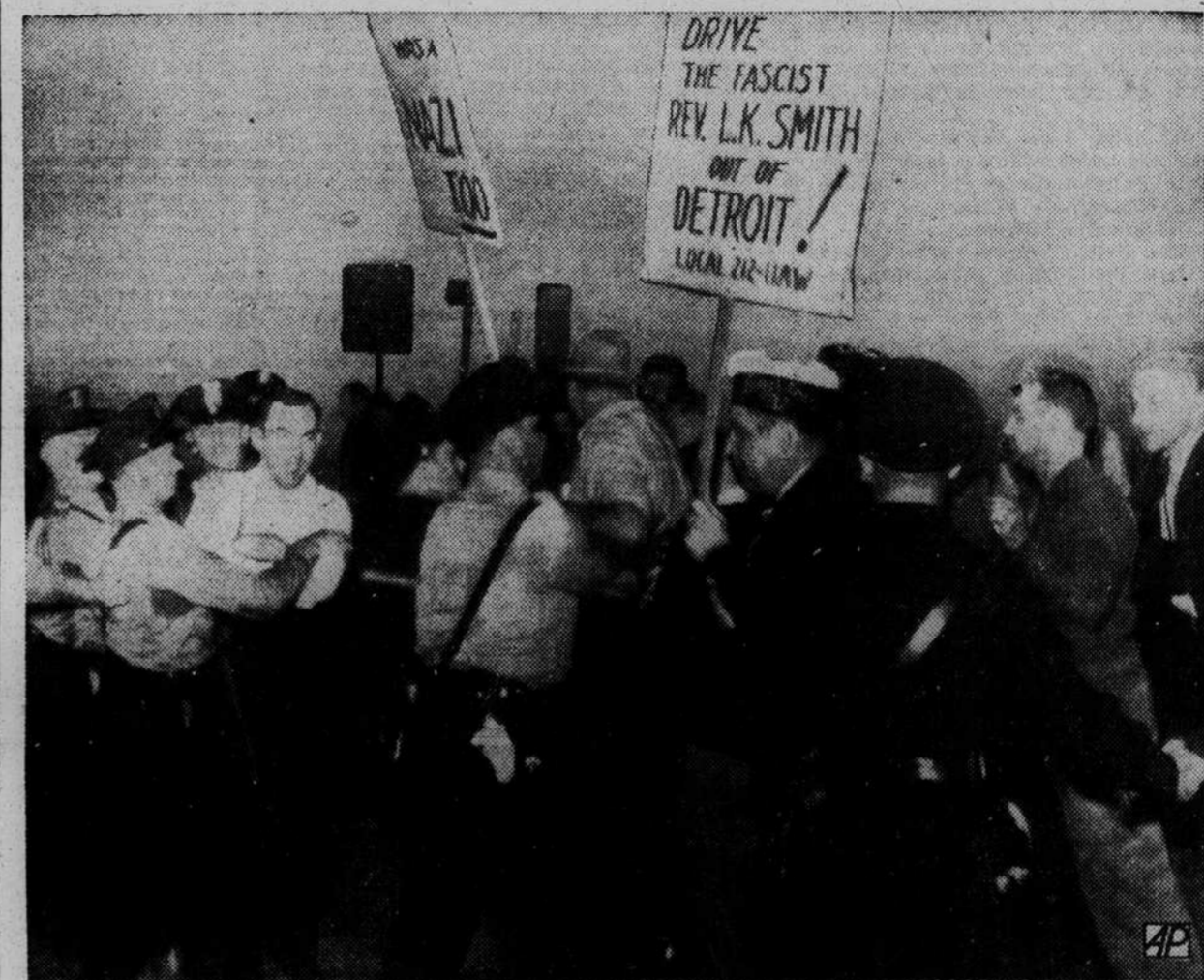
EXTRA HOUR'S SLEEP TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—(AP)—When you put the cat out tonight and wind the clock, don't forget to turn the timepiece back an hour.

At exactly 2 a.m. Sunday the nation goes back on standard time. And except for those individualists who stick by the roosters there'll be an extra hour to spend in bed.

The change poses a question of overtime pay for night shift workers. The answer locally appears to be: an hour overtime for those working in private plants, yawns but no extra cash for such public employes as police and firemen.

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PICKETS AND POLICE BATTLE IN DETROIT—Policemen and pickets clash in a fight before the Northern high school in Detroit where 500 persons formed a protest picket line prior to a meeting of the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith's America First party. One of the pickets carries a sign reading "Drive the Fascist Rev. L. K. Smith out of Detroit! LOCAL 212 UAW." Smith formerly was an associate of Louisiana's "Kingfish", the late Huey P. Long.—(AP Wirephoto).

U. S. Has Proposal For Balkan Peace

France Gets British-American Backing In Insisting On Full Participation

By Flora Lewis

LONDON, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The United States was reliably reported today to have presented a compromise proposal in an effort to break the deadlock of the foreign ministers council over who should write the Balkan peace treaties.

Truman And Two Cabinet Members Coming To N. C.

STATESVILLE, Sept. 29.—(AP)—President Truman and two cabinet members—Secretaries Patterson and Vinson—will speak here November 1-2 in connection with the North Carolina senate's fall get-together meeting.

President Truman will speak in the ball park Friday afternoon, November 2. Vinson, treasury secretary, is scheduled to speak that evening. Patterson, war secretary, will speak in the high school auditorium Thursday night, November 1, following a banquet in his honor.

Representative Doughton invited Patterson to Statesville on behalf of State Senator Hugh G. Mitchell, chairman of the state committee on arrangements. Statesville is in Doughton's district. Doughton will accompany Patterson to Statesville by plane November 1.

President Truman is scheduled to fly from Washington to Charlotte and motor to Statesville the morning of November 2. He will be en-

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Wainwright Gets New Assignment

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(AP)—General Jonathan M. Wainwright, hero of Bataan liberated recently from the Japanese, is to head the eastern defense command of the United States.

In announcing his appointment, the war department said last night that Wainwright would assume his new duties after a rest. Headquarters of the command, now headed by Lt. Gen. George Grunert, who is retiring, are in New York City. Wainwright's jurisdiction will include the whole country except California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. The command also includes army bases in Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland and Bermuda.

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KRAMER SAID INSTIGATOR

Witnesses Testify Regime Of Brutality Instituted By Him

LUENEBURG, Germany, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Three prosecution witnesses declared in succession today that a regime of beatings, brutality and hunger was instituted at the Belsen concentration camp by Josef Kramer.

Winding up the second week of the war crimes trial of the camp commandant and 44 SS guards, the witnesses said conditions at Belsen were relatively decent before Kramer took over last December.

The witnesses were Ruita Kopper, Estena Guterman and Paula Zynzer, former internees at both Belsen and Oswiecim, where Kramer had served previously.

They identified Helena Kopper as a Polish internee who sold out, became a block leader at Belsen and rivaled the German guards in See KRAMER Page 2

Charlotte District OPA Fights Inflation

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 29.—(AP)—In its campaign against inflation, the Charlotte district OPA office will inaugurate a survey of all restaurants in Western North Carolina in an effort to keep food prices in these eating establishments from going higher than ceiling prices.

The announcement was made by L. W. Driscoll, district director, who said this was a vital part of OPA's campaign against inflationary tendencies.

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INSPIRE CONFIDENCE: Occupation Commanders Showing Their Authority

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP News Analyst

General Eisenhower's firm action in summoning General Patton to account for reported slowness in the denazification of Bavaria, over which Patton has command, is calculated to inspire confidence here at home and to increase German respect for the allies.

As one of the greatest leaders of the war we owe Patton more than we can repay. However, the Bavarian situation needs the straightening up which Eisenhower is bent on giving it. Patton remarked a few days ago that the Germans were docile and

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Home Ministry Tries To Ban Stories, Pictures Of Hirohito Interview

TOKYO, Sept. 29.—(AP)—General MacArthur commanded the Japanese government to keep its hands off Japan's press and radio today, ceasing all censorship, suppression or control—after the home ministry tried to ban Emperor Hirohito's interviews and stories and pictures of the Hirohito visit to MacArthur.

The ministry had suppressed Tokyo and Osaka newspapers in effort to keep the news from the Japanese people.

It was a major move by MacArthur toward eliminating the aura of mystery surrounding Hirohito by prohibiting one of the most important methods of preserving it.

For Japan, the publication of newspaper interviews with the ruler was epochal. None had appeared heretofore; the government carefully had made certain of that.

The home ministry's explanation of its attempt to block circulation of newspapers carrying American correspondents' interviews with Hirohito, was that the subject was "too awesome." Apparently the ministry's thought was that the Japanese were not entitled to know that their emperor had chatted with foreign newspaper men just as ordinary government officials had done.

STATE OCCASIONS That clashes with the purposefully nurtured idea of an unapproachable, mysterious sovereign who leaves his imposing palace only on important state occasions.

Nippon's War department meanwhile reported to the allied command that 1,833,634, or 81 percent of all Japanese soldiers in the homeland on Aug. 15, had been demobilized by Sept. 24; and allied headquarters simultaneously approved dispatch of eight small Japanese ships to bring 16,000 Nipponese soldiers home from Tsushima and Iki islands, between Kyushu and Korea.

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FRIERS GIVES TRAVELOGUE

"World's Greatest Vagabond" Tells Executives Club Of Trips

Robert Friers, who left college in his senior year to go around the world on a \$5 bet, recounted his experiences of that bit of globe-trotting for the Cleveland Executives club last night, keeping a large audience of men and women entertained with his sly wit and the accounts of the financial maneuvering of a "busted" traveler.

The youthful adventurer was presented to the club by Holt McPherson, managing editor of the Shelby Daily Star. Phillip Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb college and also president of the Executives club, presided at the session.

Before Friers started on his jaunt around the world he had done extensive traveling in the western hemisphere, having hitchhiked through Canada to Alaska and through Mexico and Central America to the Panama Canal. It was after one of these western hemisphere trips that the New York Times described him as the "world's greatest vagabond."

"A fraud on the world" declared Robert's roommate at the University of Michigan. "You are no world vagabond. You have not been out of the western hemisphere. Here's \$5 which says you can't go around the world."

"I counted up all my possessions, borrowed all I could from my friends which was \$167, sold my clothes and my roommate's clothes and somehow managed to raise \$82," recounted the speaker.

"I started east because that was the way the first car was going which came along. I got to Mon-

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