

Phone Union To Bargain With A T & T

Federation Given Power To Order National Walkout

Memphis, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Nation's telephone workers looked today toward an early resumption of bargaining conferences after a mini-strike their leaders with the power to order an industry-wide strike if their wage and hour demands are not met.

The National Federation of Telephone Workers, representing 250,000 telephone employees empowered its executive board to call a walkout whenever it considers proper.

Joseph Beine, president of the federation announced:

"We will continue bargaining with the company and all efforts will be made to settle the disputes."

Meanwhile, in Washington, Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwelmbach had been assured by Beine that Federal conciliation would be tried before a strike is ordered.

The NFW represents local and long distance operators, maintenance men and manufacturing and research employees of the vast American Telephone & Telegraph System.

Union demands are for a \$10 a week wage increase, a 65 cent hourly minimum and a return to the 40 hour week. Beine, however, says that the minimum wage demand might be reconsidered in the light of recent settlements in the auto and steel industries.

Offers by the AT&T to increase wages of all operators \$3 a week and other employees from \$3 to \$6 have been reported.

Pope States God Is Key To Unity

London, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII told the assembly of Cardinals today that "it is the church which rises today in this torn world like a signal because without God there can not be among men real unity."

The Pope broadcast from Vatican City was recorded in London by The Associated Press.

Speaking in the Vatican's high frescoed hall of many benedictions the Pope commented on "this poor world in which hunger is so prevalent."

The address, broadcast in Italian by the Vatican Radio, began at 12:23 p. m. EST after the Pope had placed his hands on the heads of 29 of the 32 newly named Cardinals created at Monday's secret consistory.

Vatican City, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Twenty nine new pairs of the Roman Catholic Church will receive their first insignia of office from Pope Pius XII today, after which the pontiff is expected to broadcast a major pronouncement on church policy in world affairs.

Customarily, after placing the square, three-pointed sash (bulla) upon the head of each new cardinal, the Pope merely would eulogize the virtues of the newly elected members of the sacred college. However, Vatican attaches said he was so concerned with state of the post-war world that he intended to use the occasion for a broad purpose.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and mild this afternoon, cooler tonight. Thursday, partly cloudy and cool, becoming warmer in afternoon. Light breeze in west and central portions tonight.

Quick Confirmation Of Gardner Forecast



O. MAX GARDNER

Keep Atom Bomb Facts, Solons Say

Byrnes' Statement Brings New Cries For Safe-Guards

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Secretary of State James Byrnes' assurance that the know-how of atomic bomb production remains an exclusive United States secret brought a renewed Capitol Hill cry today of "guard it well."

In the wake of Canadian disclosures of arrests to break up a foreign spy ring, the congressional reaction to Byrnes' statement was a mixture of relief and admonition to make sure it can't happen here.

Typical of that reaction were these comments:

Preserve Secret.
Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Committee—"I only hope that he is correct. We should preserve the secret of the atom bomb until positively assured of an effective United Nations agreement not to use it for war."

Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) House Naval Committee—"I am glad we still keep it."
Privately a number of law-makers still expressed a desire for a more complete picture of the Canadian investigation and its possible effects here and for more details on the situation which Byrnes admitted he knew about as long ago as last November.

Market Takes Another Slide

New York, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Pivotal steels, motors, rubbers and rails extended their decline in the stock market today by fractions to more than five points.

Chrysler, after resisting the initial sell-off, finally joined the general slide. Others pointed on the off side were Bethlehem, Youngstown Sheet, U. S. Rubber, Goodyear, DuPont, and American Telephone.

Former Governor Of State Named To Treasury Post

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Friends of O. Max Gardner, Washington attorney named Undersecretary of the Treasury by President Truman, predicted today he will be confirmed without controversy.

Gardner was governor of North Carolina from 1933 to 1937 and Chairman George (D-Ga.) told reporters he was "glad to see a man of that caliber appointed to this important post."

The President nominated Gardner to succeed Dan' Bell, who resigned last year to become president of the American Security and Trust Co.

Gardner now is chairman of the advisory committee of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

Senator Byrd (D-Va.) said today that "the appointment of Honorable O. Max Gardner as undersecretary of the treasury is an excellent one."

"Mr. Gardner made an outstanding and highly capable governor of the State of North Carolina and he is equipped to perform any responsible official duties that may be assigned him, and has an intense desire to render public service."

"I congratulate the President on this appointment."

Vote Slated On Truman's Homes' Plan

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The question of putting \$1,500,000,000 in federal funds behind President Truman's plan for a vote today in the House Banking committee.

The committee agreed to interrupt its questioning of Chester Bowles on continuation of price control and turned its attention to legislation intended to provide an unprecedented number of new homes for war veterans in the next two years.

It must decide whether to write to the bill a provision for a \$1,000,000,000 increase in the Federal Housing Administration's authorization to insure housing mortgages, and also whether the government, as Mr. Truman seeks, to provide \$800,000,000 for subsidy payments to bring out larger production in semi-building materials.

Meanwhile, Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) telegraphed Henry Ford II inviting him to appear personally before the committee to give his side of Ford Motor Company's arguments against OPA on automobile price ceilings.

Young Ford came dramatically into the price control picture, when Bowles, newly appointed economic stabilizer told the banking group that Ford Motor Company had requested a 55 per cent increase in the price of Ford automobiles.

Lint Futures Show A Gain At Noon

New York, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened today unchanged to 30 cents a bale lower. Noon prices were unchanged to 30 cents a bale higher. March 26-30, May 26-31, July 25-29.

	Close	Open
March	26.00	25.97
May	25.90	25.89
July	25.90	25.84
October	25.75	25.71
December	25.70	25.70
March (1946)	25.67	25.65

Settlement Of Strikes Is U. S. Aim

Schwelmbach Wants To Get Reconversion Machine Going Again

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Labor Department opened a drive today to push for settlement of all current strikes and get the reconversion program back into high gear.

Secretary Lewis Schwelmbach told industry generally his advice was "to sign up and trust to OPA."

At the same time a high OPA official promised that employers' price increase applications to off-set wage boosts under the new stabilization policy are "going to be handled fast."

Prompt Action Is Key.
The pledge fitted in with Schwelmbach's assertion that the success of the new wage price policy would hinge on prompt government action.

Schwelmbach added that a new conference that he had assurance from the Federal agencies involved that speedy consideration will be given all requests for price relief.

The OPA official, who withheld his name, expressed belief that blanket approval of all pay increases legally made prior to February 14—the effective date of the stabilization formal—will not bog OPA under a flood of price relief appeals. The automatic approval of pay grants was ordered by the wage stabilization board in a move to clear its decks for new applications.

Democrats Yield Date To Cagers

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—It was more a case of getting there first with the most reservations by prospective attendees at the southern basketball tournament than because North Carolinians think more of athletic than political sports. Anyhow, the meeting of the state Democratic executive committee has been postponed from March 1 to March 5 because the basketball tournament. Except for change in date the committee meeting is scheduled to go along according to original plans.

The party plan of organization requires the chairman to call the committee together on or before March 10 of each election year to fix dates for precinct, county and state conventions. Usually there are other routine matters, such as filling vacancies in committee membership, memorializing deceased members and perhaps amending the party rules.

Taking cognizance of considerable criticism of some propaganda in the party plan of organization, especially in dealing with rotation agreement for state senators, Chairman William Umstead has asked each member of the committee to study the plan carefully and be prepared to vote intelligently on proposed changes.

Neither the committee nor the whole Democratic convention has authority to change senatorial districts. That prerogative is reserved by the general assembly. But there have been a number of embarrassing questions asked recently about composition of some districts. Why should Halifax and Edgecombe counties, for example, have two senators when they have only one representative each; while Cabarrus and Rowan with four representatives have just two senators, and Guilford and Mecklenburg counties with four representatives each have just one senator apiece?

This situation is loaded with dynamite and the convention is not apt to play with it. But some action is expected on rotation agreements within the districts, especially in the 25th where Catawba with larger population gets just half the senatorial representation accorded Iredell.

UNIVERSITY GIVEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Smithfield, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A total of \$53,057 will be received by the University of North Carolina from the estate of the late Mrs. Nellie Wardlaw Brewer, Smithfield native who spent her last years in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Brewer specified that the bequest be used to establish fellowships in history at UNC, the alma mater of her father.

U. S. TO REDUCE FORCES IN INDIA

New Delhi, Feb. 20.—(AP)—American army strength in the India-Burma theatre will be reduced to 19,000 officers and men by March 1, a headquarters spokesman said today. During March, he said, approximately 5,500 men will leave for home aboard troopships.

ACCIDENT KILLS 5 NEAR OXFORD

VETS OFF TO CAPITOL TO DEMAND TAXI RIGHTS



SEEKING AID FROM FEDERAL AUTHORITIES in their fight to get taxi licenses, 700 war veterans set out from Soldier's Field, Chicago, for Washington, D. C., in 300 cabs and private cars. An official wedding a mesaphone starts the indignant GIs on their way. Chicago regulations, they protest, have so limited the number of obtainable licenses that it is impossible for them to return to their job of hackning. (International Soundphoto)

Courts Split On Veterans' Job Rights

Two Courts Uphold Rights Of Veteran; Two Others Don't

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Courts are divided on the extent of a veteran's right to hold his job post—the so-called "super-seniority" issue—Mr. J. Lee H. Pritchett, executive service chief, reported today.

Two courts have upheld the right of a veteran to absolute reinstatement and continuance in the job for one year so long as such jobs are available. Hershhey said in a statement given out at an American Legion national employment committee conference.

But in two other decisions "the courts declared that the veteran was not entitled to continuing work following reinstatement if his seniority placed him in position where he "ordinarily would have been laid off."

A circuit court of appeals ruling, expected soon, will have great weight on this much discussed issue, Hershhey said.

"Selective service receives thousands of requests for help in certain jobs back, but fewer than 300 have gone so far as the Justice Department before adjustment," the general said. The courts have heard 17, another 44 are docketed and 235 are in the hands of district attorneys to see whether ground exists for court action.

Truman Signs Work Measure

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—President Truman today signed an employment and production bill which Congress passed as an emergency measure for so-called full employment legislation.

Aimed at establishing a government policy of promoting full employment, production and purchasing power, the President's original measure was toned down sharply in Congress.

In its final form, it provides a council of three economic advisors at salaries of \$15,000 who will meet and advise the President in the preparation of a periodic "economic report to Congress."

This report, together with supplements issued as the council may see fit, will be studied by a joint committee on the economic report. This group, consisting of seven members of each house of Congress will seek methods of implementing the recommendations.

The bill sets forth that the "containing policy and responsibility of the Federal Government" shall be to "use all practicable means consistent with its needs and obligations to promote maximum employment, production and purchasing power."

Wreck Is Fatal To Man, Wife, Three Children

Three Children Capital Trip

Oxford, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A former Chowan county man, his wife and two children were killed outright and a third teen age youth died later in a local hospital today when their automobile crashed into a parked truck on a highway ten miles south of here early this morning.

The dead are: Percy McElroy, 42, who was driver of Buick; L. E. Linton, 31, a clerk, an infant son, and Percy, 16, 16-year-old Elizabeth, 16, who were passengers.

The family was residing at a "backshop," Va., and were reported to leave three other sons, one 10, 10 and 11.

Worked in Suffolk.
Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd, who investigated the accident, said a radio truck and driver's license found in the death car identified McElroy as the driver. Byrd added that the radio truck was used with an "Ironclad" motor, which was a work truck, registered in Suffolk.

On the back seat of the car, Byrd said, were two boys ranging in age from five to 17. One of the youths died in Granville county hospital. Two of the boys were reported in a critical condition, while the youngest was reported not to be too seriously hurt.

Private Who Detected Nip Planes Talks

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—An ex-GI told today how he discovered Japanese planes sneaking up to attack Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, and how a superior officer advised him and his buddies to "forget it."

The account was related to the Senate-House inquiry committee by George E. Elliott, an Army back pay case who reported the enemy planes were caught at about an hour before the bombs fell on Hawaii.

"I only wish it could have been followed through and saved a number of lives," he said.

"You really did a good job in the work you did there," Rep. Cooper (D-Tenn.) vice chairman of the committee commented.

Elliott, 35, of Long Branch, N. J., left the army as a sergeant four months ago.

On the morning of the attack he and another private, Joseph Lockard were alone at the mobile radar station on the northernmost tip of the island of Oahu. They had kept the set operating beyond regular 7 a. m. closing hour so Lockard could teach Elliott radar plotting.

Veterans Protest Two Firm Control In Chicago Area

Capital Trip

Pittsburgh, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Thronged by snow, ranging up to 10 inches in depth, the 1448-car Chicago-Washington taxi-cab caravan was spotted all along the Pennsylvania Turnpike today, with many taxicab drivers already heading through Maryland for the nation's capital.

State police along the route said the taxicabs—350 former servicemen and their wives riding in their own taxis—took hotel rooms where ever they could find them, at Summit, Bedford and other towns.

Some simply kept driving all night, making stops only at wayside points for hot beverages.

Presidents Joseph Murphy and William Tamm explained the purpose of the trip by saying: "We want to get the government to bring pressure to bear on Chicago to grant us a franchise."

Navy Chief Speaks On Nomination

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Navy Secretary Forrestal said today he had told Edwin Pauley early in 1943 he would have to give up all business activities if he became associated with the navy.

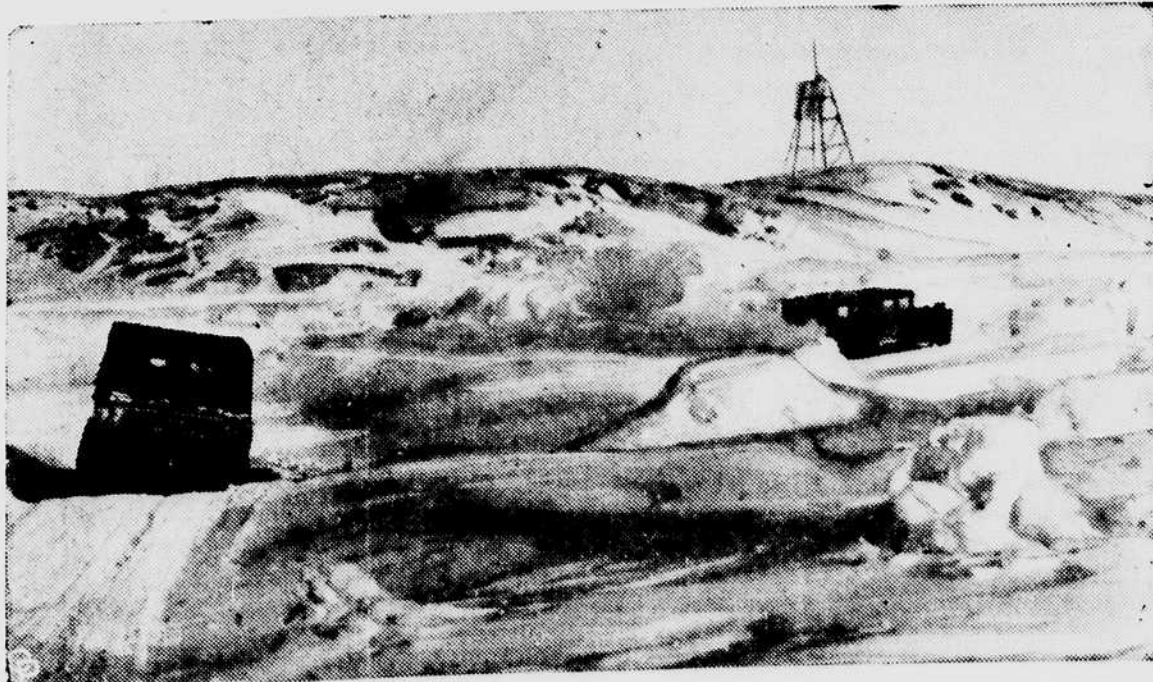
Forrestal testified at the Senate Naval Committee hearing on Pauley's nomination to be navy undersecretary. He said he had told Pauley this after President Roosevelt had rejected the California oil man for the navy post.

He said he preferred H. Struve Hensel for the assistant secretaryship Mr. Roosevelt had in mind at the time, but that he endorsed Pauley when another vacancy occurred on the condition that he "demonstrated the necessary capacity and intelligence."

"Subsequently told Mr. Pauley of this conversation," Forrestal testified, "saying that I had no reason to doubt his character or his ability but that I needed men in the present state of department business, who were familiar with that business and whose working habits were known to me and to them."

The committee later expected to hear Abe Fortas, former lieutenant to Harold Licks.

SNOWMOBILES HIT TOUGH TRAIL IN 'MUSK-OX' TREK



CRUNCHING THEIR WAY over ice and snow barriers as they took off from Churchill, Ont., snowmobiles of the Canadian Army's "Musk-Ox" expedition get under way on a 3,100-mile "military exercise" that will take them through the Arctic Circle and keep them ploughing until May. New significance was given this hazardous exploit by recent developments involving alleged activity of Soviet agents in Canada. The little-known area being covered is a frigid gateway to the Bering Straits and Russia. (International)