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State Guard Takes Over After Riots

Racial Disturbance
In Columbia, Tenn.,
Injures 7 Persons

Columbia, Tenn., Feb. 26.—(AP)—One hundred state highway patrolmen, backed up by 400 state guards, moved swiftly into the negro populated district of Columbia at dawn today after a night of disorders and by mid-morning more than 60 arrests had been made.

At least ten persons were wounded in disturbances which developed from the shooting of four policemen, fired upon early last night in the section known as "Mink Slide" where the disorders centered.

The shooting followed an altercation in which Sheriff J. J. Underwood said William Fleming, 28-year-old radio repair man, was pushed through a plate glass window of his shop by a negro woman and her son.

Lynn Bomar, state highway commissioner, said that among the 65 persons arrested were a number who were believed to be the ring leaders.

The patrolmen deployed swiftly through the section after units of the State Guard had maintained an all night guard about the area known as "Mink Slide."

Lynn Bomar, state safety commissioner in charge of the highway patrol, announced the arrest of 33 Negroes, 12 of whom were charged with attempted murder.

Shooting Dies Down

Half an hour after the patrolmen moved in, the shooting had died down and it appeared that the situation was in hand.

While the highwaymen were preparing to go into "Mink Slide," Col. State Guard's 2nd Infantry regiment, ordered dispersal of 25 white civilians who were standing around with shot guns. They left quietly.

As the dawn zero hour approached through the blacked out section, there was a lapse of four minutes and more shooting was heard, some of the reports sounding like those of automatic rifles.

Dickenson in Command

Brig. Gen. J. N. Dickenson, commander of the State Guard's 2nd brigade, was in personal command of the guardsmen, who numbered some 400 and who arrived in Columbia during the night.

Bomar said 12 of those among the 33 arrested were seized in a raid on the home of a Negro undertaker at 3 a. m. and that some of them were believed to be among the ring leaders of the disturbance.

The official said that four shot guns, two .22 rifles, and a revolver were found in their possession.

At 7 a. m., Mayor Eldridge Denham of Columbia said "the situation is grave" and that he was considering asking the governor to declare martial law.

Push Man Through Window

Trouble started last night after an incident in which Sheriff J. J. Underwood said a Negro woman and her son pushed a white radio repairman through the plate glass window of his shop on the public square during an argument over a repair job.

Underwood said the woman and her son, arrested on an assault charge subsequently were released under bail but that as word of the incident spread tension mounted and crowds began to assemble in the square.

The call for assistance was sent to the state highway patrol by Columbia's eight-man police department.

Pauley Might Ask President Truman To Withdraw Name

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Edwin Pauley said today he would "take under advisement" a suggestion that he request withdrawal of his nomination for undersecretary of the navy.

The proposal was made, in the form of a question by Senator Saltonstall, Republican, Massachusetts, as the Senate Naval Committee resumed hearings on the California oil man's nomination to the navy post.

Some Democratic congressmen, as well as Republicans, have criticized Pauley's selection.

Interrupting Pauley's testimony, Saltonstall asked whether he would consider, "as a patriotic American," asking withdrawal of his name if the committee finds there is no basis for charges against his character.

Both Saltonstall and Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, told Pauley he need not answer if he did not wish to take that under advisement. Pauley replied, "I might say that suggestion is not unique. I have read it in almost every newspaper I have seen, but I am still here."

'WE'LL GIVE THEM THE WORKS...



IN A POSE REMINISCENT of the late Benito Mussolini, Michael J. Quill is pictured addressing an open-air rally of CIO Transport Workers' Union members in New York City. President of the union and member of City Council, Quill warned the public to get ready for a strike of all transportation workers "any hour after Tuesday night", and told his cheering followers, "We'll give them the works." (International)

Showdown Nears In N.Y.C. Transit Strike

Officials of Union
And City at Odds
Over Basic Issue

New York, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Mayor William O'Dwyer said today the threat of a city-wide transit strike had been called off. The mayor made the announcement after a conference at city hall with CIO President Philip Murray. He said the CIO Transport Workers' Union, headed by City Council Member Michael Quill, had withdrawn its demand for designation as sole collective bargaining agent for transit workers.

New York, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The strike threat to New York City's transit system—used twice daily or more by an estimated 3,500,000 persons—reached the "showdown" stage today with union and city administration officials still apart on the basic strike issue.

Even as the Board of Transportation was called into session to consider the union's demand that it be recognized as sole collective bargaining agent for some 32,000 transit workers as an alternative to a walk-out, Mayor William O'Dwyer received added support on his stand that such a request was precluded by state law.

Board Backs Mayor

The board of estimates backed the mayor's position and empowered the city in a resolution to transfer from one department to another key men needed to operate the municipally owned subways, elevated, trolley and bus lines in the event the walk-out materialized.

The CIO-Transport Workers' Union, which claims to represent 29,000 of the transit workers, has threatened to call the strike anytime after midnight tonight unless its demand are met.

The board of estimates said the TWU represented only 5,000 of the city's transit workers. The union also seeks a \$2 a day wage increase. O'Dwyer has declared the wage demand was justified.

Meat Prices Will Go Up

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The government today authorized increases in the ceiling prices in the meat packing industry and forecast that retail prices will rise about one and one-half percent.

Stabilization Director Chester Bowles took the action after the Wage Stabilization Board ordered Secretary of Agriculture Anderson to put into effect a general pay boost of 16 cents an hour for packing house workers.

Byrnes Makes Unity Appeal

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Secretary of State James Byrnes said today the Allies must maintain "the same unity of action and of purpose that won the war" if they are "to root out the seeds of future possible wars."

He spoke to representatives of 11 nations gathered in the old Japanese embassy to organize the Far Eastern Commission.

Pittsburgh's PowerStrike Now Averted

Company Employees
To Take Vote on
Walkout March 1

Pittsburgh, Feb. 26.—(AP)—A power strike which threatened a blackout in an 817-square-mile area of industrial Pittsburgh and surrounding areas had been averted today—less than half an hour before it was to have gone into effect.

A one week postponement—until 12:01 a. m. Tuesday, March 5—was announced by President George Mueller of the independent union of Duquesne Light Company employees.

The union, with a membership of 4,400, will decide at a meeting March 1 whether its wage dispute with the company is to be finally settled by arbitration or a strike.

The union is demanding a 21 cents an hour increase for common labor and 25 cents for other employees.

The strike—second one to be called in two weeks—was to have started at 12:01 a. m. today. The first one, called February 12, last 19 hours before it was suspended by the union.

Mail Carriers Involved With Loan Business

Greenville, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Rodrick Davenport today testified on cross examination that two United States mail carriers were involved in his loan business by carrying Davenport's money to cash interest checks which he sent to depositors on their routes.

Davenport is on trial in Pitt county superior court on charges of conspiracy to defraud and fraud by false pretense.

He testified today, under cross examination, that he left \$500 with a New Bern mail carrier to enable the carrier to cash interest checks sent by Davenport to persons who deposited money in his loan business at 5 per cent interest weekly. The name of the mail carrier was not revealed.

Davenport also testified that he had a similar arrangement with J. B. Arnold, a Kinston mail carrier. He did not reveal the amount of cash he kept in Arnold's hands.

Stock Market Drops Further

New York, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The stock market tried for a rally today but support was notably timid as early gains running to two or more points were converted into losses of as much as six points.

Prominent on the off-side were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, New York Central, General Electric and DuPont.

Pay Control Plan Rapped By AFL, CIO

Stumbling Block
Is Thrown Into
Truman's Program

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Labor threw a stumbling block into the path of President Harry Truman's new wage-price policy today by solidly opposing its pay increase controls.

CIO President Philip Murray, declaring that any return to war-time wage restraints would be "catastrophic," added his protest to that of AFL President William Green, who earlier termed the program "unacceptable and unworkable."

The next move in labor's fight against the reconstituted controls is expected to take place within the wage stabilization board itself, the agency assigned by Mr. Truman to act on pay raises.

Policy Declaration

The two AFL and CIO members of the board joined hands in opposing a policy declaration favored by the industry and two public members. They gave no hint, however, as to what future course they would pursue.

On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, several senators agreed that the administration's entire policy on prices, wages and anti-inflation controls will be aired on the Senate floor.

This showdown was brought on by the Senate Appropriations Committee's action in voting 11 to 9 to halve emergency funds for OPA and the Civilian Production Administration—key agencies in enforcement and administration of the reconversion policy.

Homes' Bill Given House

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The House called up its emergency homes building bill today with members set for a slam-bang battle in two administration requests left out of the measure.

They call for:

1. A system to clamp price ceilings on all of the nation's 40,000,000 existing homes.
2. The government to ante up \$1,600,000,000, including \$600,000,000 in subsidies in an effort to get 2,700,000 new homes built in the next two years.

Another sizzling dispute developed around a proposal originating in the House to forbid the export of any lumber during the housing emergency.

The bill, written by Representative Patman, Democrat, Texas, was brought to the House floor by the Banking Committee.

Cotton Futures Are Up Slightly

New York, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 30 cents a bale lower to 15 cents higher.

Non- prices were 35 cents a bale lower to 15 cents higher. March 26.23, May 26.38, July 26.35.

	Prev.	Close	Open
March	26.30	26.24	
May	26.35	26.36	
July	26.33	26.36	
October	26.33	26.35	
December	26.26	26.24	
March (1947)	26.24	26.20	

Hung Yamashita



PICTURED above is Lt. Charles Rexroad, Corvallis, Oregon, who, as official hangman for the Army, pulled the gallows trapdoor beneath Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, convicted Jap war criminal. Executioner for San Quentin Prison in civilian life, Rexroad got a \$200 bonus for the job. (International)

Festival Queen



CROWNED and in her regal robes, beautiful brunette Selma Rocker of Bartow, Fla., is pictured after enthronement as 1946 Queen of the Florida Orange Festival at Winter Haven. The festival had been suspended throughout the years of the recent war. (International)

Stalin Made Top Russian Military Boss

Generalissimo Now
Supreme Commander
Of Three Branches

Moscow, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Russian army, navy and air force were united today in a single command—the armed forces of the USSR—under the command of Generalissimo Josef Stalin.

The three Soviet fighting forces were consolidated by a decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, which designated Stalin "people's commissar of the united forces and supreme commander in chief of the armed forces."

"Under the leadership of Stalin, the armed forces of the USSR will henceforth improve and develop to the dread of the enemies of our people for the welfare of our Soviet and the cause of peace in the entire world," the Government newspaper Izvestia said in a three column front page editorial.

State Beef Rated High

College Station, Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Despite recent estimates by state agricultural statisticians that North Carolina's cattle population is slightly lower than last year, the reputation of the state is a coming beef cattle center is spreading throughout the eastern seaboard, it was indicated today by L. I. Case, animal husbandman of the State State College Extension Service.

Case said that he has received numerous inquiries from eastern meat dealers in several states, including the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania, for dates of the state's spring fat stock sales. A Pennsylvania vegetable grower who also deals in veal wrote Case that North Carolina calves are "better than western calves."

The college cattleman released the following list of sale dates: Rocky Mount, April 3-4; Raleigh, April 8-9; Elizabeth City, April 9-10; Kinston, April 10-11; Durham, April 24; Williamston, April 26.

"Breeder" associations must be credited with much of the beef's progress made in the state in recent years," Case declared. "Both the quality and number of our beef animals increased during war years despite feeding difficulties and the postwar trend may be expected to take an upturn again soon."

Hereford breeders will hold an annual show and sale in Statesville, March 18-19; the North Carolina Aberdeen-Angus show and sale will take place in Elkin, Wednesday, March 13.

PERSONALITY CONFERENCE

Greenville, Feb. 26.—A conference on personality development will be sponsored by the business education department at East Carolina Teachers College on Tuesday evening, February 26, in the New Classroom Building on the campus. Edward A. Conover of Raleigh, chairman of the United War Fund Drive of North Carolina, editor of "Where We Live," and consultant on community organization, will be principal speaker.

Tension Mounting As France Closes Frontier To Spain

Present Situation
Constitutes Danger
To World Security

Paris, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The French Government today ordered the frontier with Franco Spain closed, effective at midnight, March 1, declaring the present situation in Spain constitutes a "danger for international security."

The French cabinet's action was taken after a long explanation of the situation by Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. The tension between the two countries has been growing for a week.

Last week, the French assembly overwhelmingly voted a protest against the execution of ten Spanish republicans by the Spanish government. Madrid dispatches said 37 persons were convicted by a court martial at Alcala De Henares on charges of attempting to reorganize the socialist party in Spain and three of them were given 10-year prison terms.

To Intern U. S. Britain
The communique issued after today's cabinet meeting said the ministers had "decided to again inform the governments of the United States and Britain that the present situation in Spain constitutes a danger for international security."

Early in December France asked the United States and Britain to confer with her on the possibility of breaking relations with Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime. Bidault conferred on the matter with both British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and U. S. Secretary of State James Byrnes while heading the French delegation to the first United Nations assembly in London.

Results Not Told
Results of these conversations have not yet been announced, and French discontent over the continuance in power of the Franco Government has been increasing.

Protest meetings have taken place throughout France and her North African colonies since the announcement of the execution of the Spanish republicans headed by Cristino Garcia who fought in the French resistance forces against the Germans.

France has had no normal diplomatic relations with Madrid since the collapse of the Vichy regime with the defeat of Germany.

ASK FULL REPORT

London, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The British foreign office today instructed Sir Victor Mallet, British ambassador to Madrid, to "make a full report" on the execution of a Spanish anti-fascist leader, Cristino Garcia.

A spokesman said, however, that there was "no reason to suppose Britain would break relations with Spain."

Houston Workers Will End Strike

Houston, Tex., Feb. 26.—(AP)—The six-day-old strike of 700 city employees of Houston was settled today after thousands of workers "took a holiday" and marched upon the city hall in support of the employees' fight for higher wages.

Mayor Otis Massey called a meeting of the city council to approve an agreement with labor leaders.

Under the agreement the city workers will return to their jobs tomorrow, with full seniority rights unimpaired.

Medal for Patton



POSTHUMOUS AWARD to the late General George S. Patton, Jr., the Medal of Good Citizenship bestowed by the Sons of the American Revolution is shown to the camera by the General's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Totten of Washington, D. C. Presented in ceremonies at Philadelphia, the medal honored the U. S. Third Army commander who led its victory dash across France and Germany. (International)

Sets Medal Record



NAVY VETERAN of 75 photographic and bombing missions in the Pacific, Lt. Edward O. Jensen (above) received two Distinguished Flying Crosses and eight Air Medals in a single presentation ceremony at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N. Y. His ten decorations at once were said to set a record. (International)

Lost Colony Play Lauded By Governor

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Governor Gregg Cherry told members of the Roanoke Island Historical Association meeting here today that in "The Lost Colony" pageant North Carolina has a unique enterprise—one coupled with spiritual value and material value.

"With the revival of Paul Green's drama, which was put away in moth balls during the war," Cherry said, "North Carolinians will again have the opportunity of seeing an important chapter of its history portrayed with all the sharpness and insight that drama and lights and music are capable of giving."

And in addition to the native sons and daughters, millions of visitors will come to Manteo to see the presentation of early North Carolina and American history.

Cherry urged the association to finish its job of getting funds in and to put the drama over to the full extent of its possibilities, "so that North Carolinians may have full advantage of this historical rendering of the tragic fate of our first colonies."

Plans Completed For Legion Meet

Justice Denny to
Deliver Address

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Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Victor Johnson of Pittsboro, state commander of the American Legion, said Monday that plans are complete for the executive committee and post officers' meeting at Raleigh this week-end.

Both John Stelle, national commander, and Mrs. Walter Craven of Charlotte, national president of the women's auxiliary, will attend and speak. The memorial service Sunday night will be featured by an address by Associate Justice E. B. Denny of the state supreme court. Commander Johnson said state Legion membership is now approaching the 60,000 figure, with World War II men coming in rapidly. Membership now is almost five times what it was in February of 1935, and is at an all time high.

National Commander Stelle, a former governor of Illinois, is a World War I buddy of Governor Gregg Cherry and is expected to stay at the mansion during his visit to North Carolina.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy, warm and windy tonight; showers and cooler west portion tonight. Wednesday clearing and cooler, mild temperatures.