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Over Million Farm Organization Now Are Idle Bids Labor Unions In Country Help Oust Anderson

Thousands Jobless As Factories Close From Coal Shortage

(By The Associated Press) Thousands of new workers joined the ranks of the idle today and other demands were expected to follow as hundreds of industrial plants reduced operations, some under strict coal-conservation orders, because of the critical coal situation.

No accurate estimate of the number idle because of labor disputes, including those forced to quit work because of strikes was available, but it was believed well past the million mark. More than 700,000 were on the strike list before the many shutdowns in a strike because of the lack of coal supplies.

As the strike by 400,000 AFL United Mine Workers, who left their pits on April 1, brought a crippling effect in most every section of the country, Federal negotiators in Washington continued to keep the negotiations in session throughout the week-end.

Other coal shortages along the labor front also were on the gloomy side.

Strikes by railroad workers threatened, with three operating brotherhoods representing conductors, switchmen and locomotive firemen and engineers advising rail managements of new wage demands.

Earlier, the railroad trainmen and engineers quit wage conferences with the carriers, which were called in an attempt to halt a strike set for May 18 to 230,000 members of the two unions.

The three operating unions said a strike "actually would occur" if their demands for a daily wage boost of \$1.20 in addition to a daily hike of \$1.20 granted last Monday by an arbitration board were not settled.

People Wouldn't Mind Rationing

Washington, May 4. — (AP) — Chester Bowles, citing the possibility of "some tougher" famine relief measures, said today he knows America will accept restoration of food rationing if it becomes necessary.

"At the moment," the economic stabilizer said "I don't see any immediate necessity for that. We are a rich country, rich in just about every kind of food. But if we should have to go back to some kind of food rationing, I know the American people would accept that."

NATIONAL GUARD AIR FORCE ASKED

Washington, May 4. — (AP) — Creation of an air force national guard and reserve of 216,300 men was proposed today by the army air forces to augment the nation's regular aerial defenses.

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer told the National Guard Association that AAF plans call for 27 air national guard groups equipped with 2,664 planes, and 34 air reserve groups.

Stratemeyer is commanding general of the newly organized AAF Air Defense Command with headquarters at Mitchell Field, N. Y. He said that the national guard-reserve plans were subject to War Department and congressional approval.

Agriculture Secretary To Blame For Shortages, National Farm Union Says

Washington, May 4. — (AP) — The tumult over continued price controls for meat waxed hotter at the National Farmers Union today called on organized labor to join in a drive for the ouster of Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson.

President Truman's emphatic declaration that the administration still stands firmly for continued price controls on meat and livestock apparently had no dampening effect.

The farmers' union claimed that Anderson had encouraged a "strenuous campaign" against meat price controls, and said further he was "principally responsible" for the country's current food shortages.

Mr. Truman said Anderson saw eye to eye with him on the necessity for price control, but on Capitol Hill,

some lawmakers declared the Secretary had given them the impression he favored removing meat ceilings if the black market situation does not clear in 90 days.

Representatives of the farm organization said they are seeking to have Philip Murray of the CIO and William Green of the AFL join with James A. Fenton, the farmers union president, in urging Mr. Truman to replace Anderson with "someone more sympathetic with the policies" of the administration.

The union already has made public a letter Patton sent to Mr. Truman in which he blamed Anderson as being "principally responsible for the failure of the United States to produce enough and procure enough food to fulfill its responsibilities abroad."

France, Britain To Move Troops From Levantine

New York, May 4. — (AP) — The United Nations Security Council had assurances from France and Britain today that the bulk of their forces in the Levantine states would be withdrawn by June 30.

Separate announcements that British and French forces had already abandoned Syria and would shortly quit the Lebanon were laid before the council as it faced up to a new crisis next week over the presence of Russian troops in Iran beyond a March 2 treaty limit.

Russia now has promised to have her forces out of Iran by May 6.

The British and French declarations handed in last night to Chairman Hafez Athfi Fasha were expected to circumvent any mention here of the Levantine squabble which was aired at the London sessions of the council last February.

Virginia Plans Power Rationing

RICHMOND, May 4. — (AP) — The State Corporation Commission today called up the 27 power firms doing business in Virginia to appear before the SCC at 2 p. m. Monday to show cause why rationing of electricity should not be instituted.

The commission acted in the face of the coal shortage threat to the power supply after conferring for several hours with representatives of the Virginia Electric and Power Co. during which the company president, Jack G. Holtzclaw, laid before the commission "the whole story" of the company's power resources for the next few weeks.

FRANCE TO VOTE ON CONSTITUTION

Paris, May 4. — (AP) — The French people will vote Sunday on acceptance or rejection of a new French constitution which would centralize the power of government in a one-house legislature of 669 members.

Agreement Not Reached By Ministers

Statements Heard On Italo-Yugoslav Frontier Problem

Paris, May 4. — (AP) — The foreign ministers council heard statements on the disputed Italo-Yugoslav border from each of the four ministers in a three-hour session today, which indicated they were as far from solution of the problem as they were last September in London.

A member of the American delegation said the position of the four ministers on the border problem was unchanged. The American said there was no sign of agreement, with Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov lined up against his American, British and French colleagues.

A British source said Molotov described the border line proposed by the other powers as punishment of Yugoslavia, a war-time ally. U. S. Secretary of State James Byrnes denied this, saying that the Yugoslavs, under the American, British and French proposals, would obtain Fiume, 18,900 square miles of new territory and 375,000 persons.

Molotov, agreeing that Trieste was technically Italian, was reported to have demanded that the city be turned over to Yugoslavia because it was an integral part of the surrounding countryside which, he said, was technically Yugoslav.

Dr. Cooke New E.C.T.C. President

Greenville, May 4. — (AP) — The board of trustees of East Carolina Teachers college at a meeting here Friday afternoon voted unanimously to elect Dr. Dennis H. Cooke as president to succeed Dr. Leon R. Meadows.

Dr. Cooke, who is 42, is a native of Maiden, a graduate of Duke university and for the last six years has been head of the Department of Education Administration at George Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn.

Appointment of Dr. Cooke was recommended by a committee of the E. C. T. C. board of trustees which was composed of Hugh Horton of Williamson, Mrs. Charles M. Johnson of Raleigh, Henry Belk of Goldsboro and F. C. Harding of Greenville.

Dr. Cooke is scheduled to receive a salary of \$6,000 a year plus a house. He visited Greenville about two weeks ago to inspect the E. C. T. C. plant and to meet with the board of trustees. He is scheduled to assume new duties on August 1.

It was generally assumed that Dr. Howard J. McGinnis, who has been acting president for nearly two years, would return to his old post as registrar of the college. Dr. McGinnis took over after Meadows retired, subsequently to be indicted and sentenced to prison on charges of embezzlement and false pretense.

Dr. Cooke is well known in educational circles as an author and teacher in education administration. He has conducted surveys of school systems for a number of Southern cities and is the author or co-author of 24 books on education.

TAPS FOR NINE SEAMEN SHOT BY BERSERK SHIPMATE



MASS FUNERAL SERVICES FOR NINE SAILORS killed aboard an LST in the Yangtze River, China, by a berserk shipmate are attended by officers and men of the American amphibious group stationed in Shanghai waters. Flag-draped coffins are lined up at right, in the Shanghai cemetery. The sailor who was reported to have done the shooting is Seaman William V. Smith, 19, Asheville, North Carolina. (International Soundphoto)

Guards, Police Preparing Big Push Against Alcatraz 'Cons'

New York Cotton

New York, May 4. — (AP) — Cotton futures opened 10 cents a bale higher to 29 cents lower.

	Open	Close
May	25.60	27.50
July	25.60	27.49
October	25.59	27.54
December	25.66	27.56
March	25.67	27.62
May (1947)	25.63	27.57

Middling spot: 28.14, off 1.

Truman Is Urged To Seize Mines Shut By Strike

Washington, May 4. — (AP) — Senator Lucas (D) of Illinois said today the soft coal strike could "easily" become an insurrection against the government, and called on President Truman to seize the idle mines unless John L. Lewis bows "to reason."

He told the Senate the 24-day-old walkout of the miners is a "political strike, revolutionary in character and scope."

St. Martinsville, La., May 4. — (AP) — A 17-year-old negro who survived being strapped in the electric chair and having the switch thrown, said today that "it tickled a little but didn't hurt much."

The 150-pound youth, Willie Francis, today was in a death cell in the Iberia Parish jail at New Iberia while state legal authorities wondered whether another attempt could ever be made under the law to electrocute him.

The negro was strapped to the chair yesterday and the current was

All Is Reported Quiet on 'Rock,' Marines Withdraw

San Francisco, May 4. — (AP) — Police Chief Charles Dullen said that the Alcatraz Prison warden told him today that prison guards "are getting ready for the big push" against a group of rebel convicts who have killed two guards and wounded 14 more.

Chief Dullen said Warden James Johnston told him there had been "a little firing" early this morning from the cell block in which 20 or more mutinous convicts are barricaded, including the seven ring leaders who headed the revolt.

At 10:15 a. m. (PST), the San Francisco Police Boat D. A. White, cruising around the island prison, radioed headquarters that all was quiet at the penitentiary, that there was no sound of firing and no unusual ground activity.

Marines Withdrawn.

U. S. Marines who had rushed to the aid of the prison guards when the outbreak flared were withdrawn from the island.

Meanwhile prison guards strengthened their battle lines with reinforcement and prepared to blast rebel convicts out of their cell blocks if they refuse a "surrender or die" ultimatum.

The choice for the desperate criminals was to face the blistering fire of assembled guns and grenades or to surrender and face charges of murdering two guards and wounding 14 others in the blazing mutiny, now in its third day.

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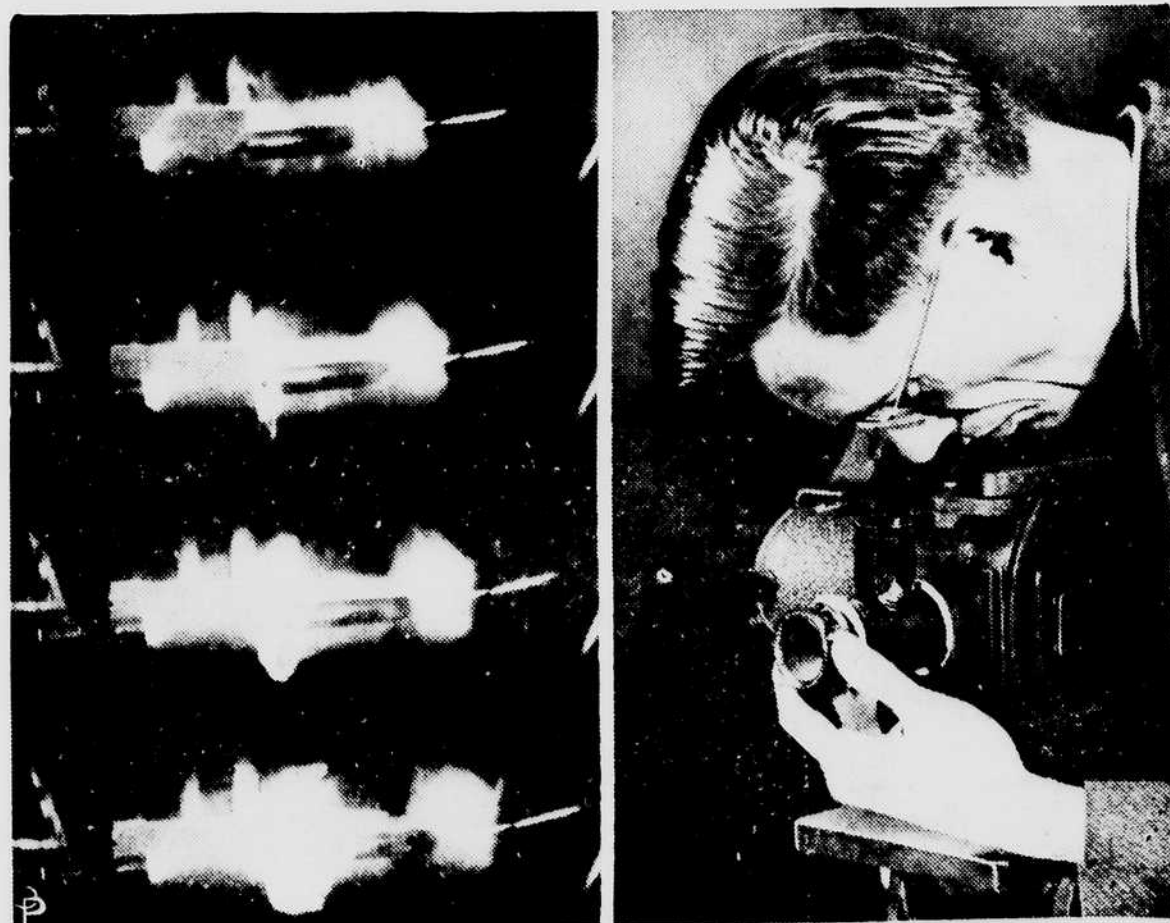
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SPEED CAMERA READY TO FILM ATOMIC BOMB TEST



Called the FASTAX, and capable of taking thousands of pictures in a single second, a new camera developed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories and built by the Western Electric Co. will film the atomic bomb test in July. Sixty of the cameras will be used. At right, John H. Waddell focuses the camera. Pictured left, a mortar shell speeding at 1,000 feet a second is caught by the camera leaving the gun's muzzle. (International)

Cool Nights Hurt Growth Of State Crops

Raleigh, May 4. — The Federal-State Crop Reporting Service of the U. S. Agriculture Department says that although rainfall in North Carolina was ample during the last two weeks of April, a series of unseasonably cool nights proved detrimental to the growth of "quite a few" of the truck crops now growing. Frosts occurring on the night of April 21 caused some damage to beans in the Albemarle Sound area and delayed the harvesting date for potatoes a few fields from one to two weeks. In general, the cool weather has been ideal for the good growth and development of all mid-spring and late spring crops.

Beans in North Carolina have made little growth since mid-April due to the very cool weather. The crop is now in need of sunny days if above average yields are to be realized. Light movement from Salisbury is expected to start May 10-15, and about the last week in May in the Pender-Duplin area. Peas are expected to become available in volume about June 1.

CABBAGE AND BEETS.

There is now a light movement of beets from the New Hanover County area. The crop is in fair condition with average yields anticipated.

Light cutting of North Carolina's cabbage crop has started. However, harvest will not become general until about May 10. The crop is in good condition and good yields are in prospect. Insects have caused some damage to quality in Carteret County.

CANTALOUPS AND CUCUMBERS.

Cantaloup plants in North Caro-

lina are generally, but stands are off from normal, due to cool weather. Cantaloups usually start moving about the first week in July. North Carolina growers increased the acreage of cucumbers for late spring harvest. Cool weather, however, resulted in poor germination of seed and stands in most areas are under acreages which failed to obtain a satisfactory stand and have replanted. Final production will not come up to that anticipated earlier due to the decreased yield prospects which will probably result from poor stands.

LETTUCE.

Cutting of North Carolina's lettuce crop has become general. The crop has made excellent progress during the last two weeks and a large volume of excellent quality lettuce is now available. Although most fields now show excellent yield prospects, final yields will depend upon the percentage of the crop that is cut.

PEAS AND PEPPER.

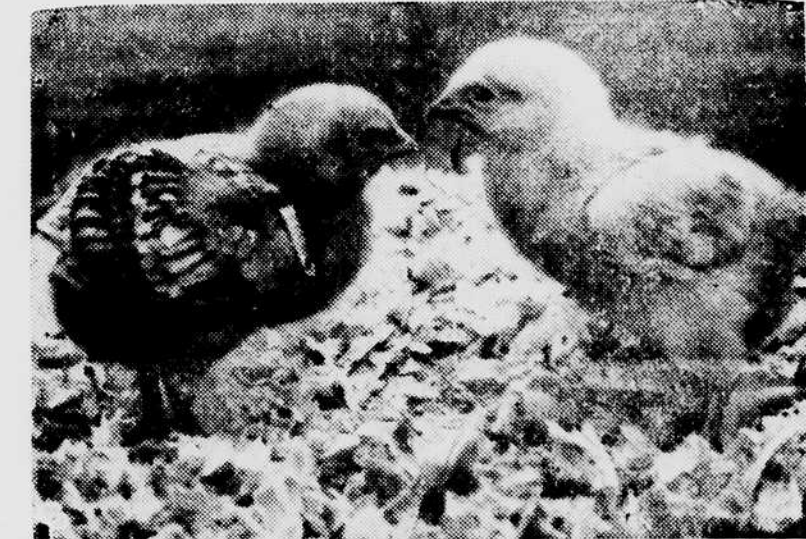
Movement of North Carolina's green pea crop has started. The crop has made good progress and is slightly better than average yields are in prospect. Current prices have been disappointingly low.

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EASY COME—EASY GO



A PAIR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CHICKS 12-days-old illustrate the progress in fast feathering experiments conducted at University Farm, Minneapolis, Minn. It is hoped that the experiments will rid chickens of pesky pinfeathers which make picking difficult. The chicken at left has had its feathering speeded, sprouting wings and tailfeathers in 10 days, while the chick shown at right has feathered normally. (International)

STRAWBERRIES.

Strawberry yield prospects have been lowered during the past month by cool weather, a lack of sunny days, and an infestation by red spider mites. Movement is now in its most active stage but offerings on auction markets are light compared with other years. Berries will be available for about two more weeks.