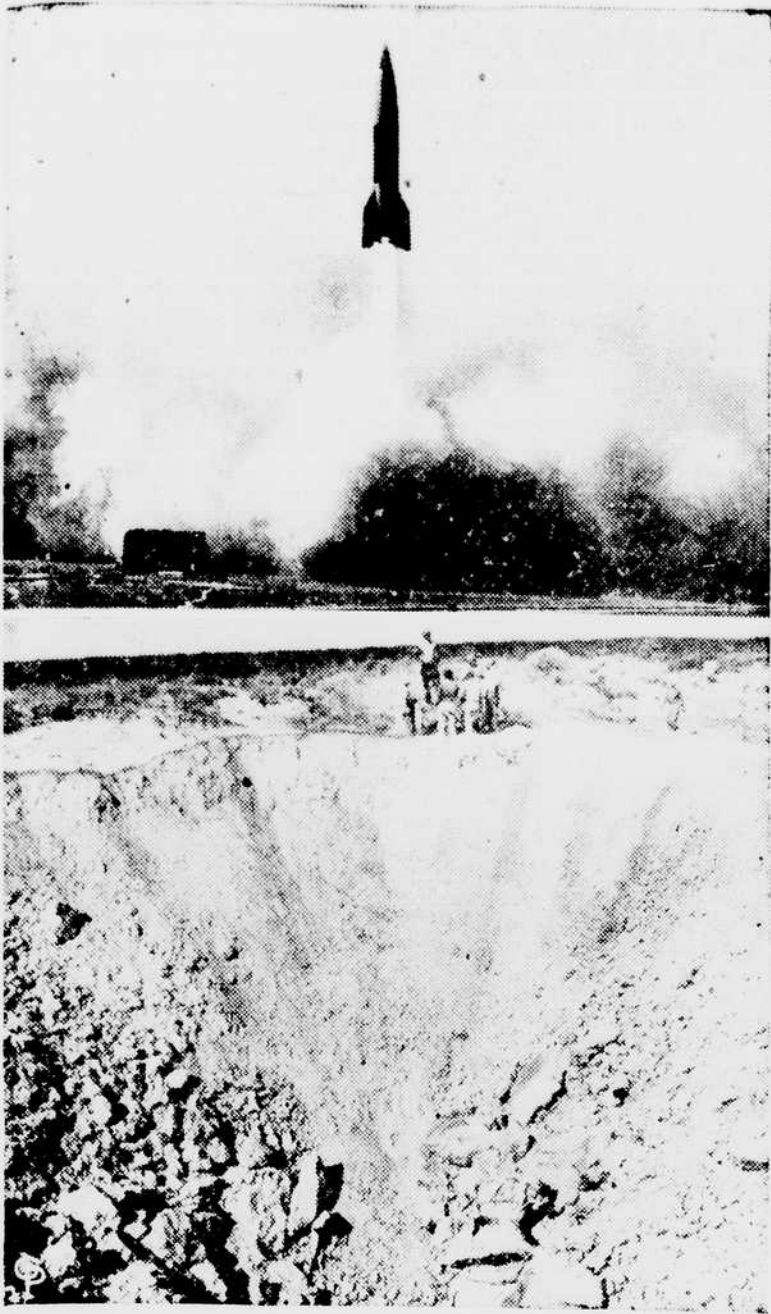


THE V-2 SHOWS ITS STUFF



IN A PRELIMINARY TEST, a V-2 rocket takes off with a flash of smoke and flame (top) at the U. S. Army ordnance proving ground, White Sands, New Mexico. Photo was made 100 yards from launching platform. The V-2 was allowed to travel a short distance when its power was shut off by radio control from the ground. The fuel tanks exploded on impact, blasting the large crater shown at bottom. When the actual test is made, the rocket will carry scientific instruments instead of explosives in the warhead. Official U. S. Army photos. (International Soundphoto)

Coal Crisis Fast Approaching Strike Against Government, Truman Says; Textile Industry Facing Emergency

Several Plants In Two States Already Closed

8 Roanoke Rapids Mills Planning To Close In 3 Weeks

(By The Associated Press)

The textile industry of the Carolinas today faced the prospect of general production curtailment as a result of the coal shortage.

In Roanoke Rapids, eight textile mills employing over 5,000 persons were reported planning to close within three weeks unless the situation is relieved.

In Charlotte, Dr. W. P. Jacobs, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, said some mills had suspended operations, others were working on a short week and a large proportion of the industry would shut down if the crisis continues three or four weeks.

Farmers Worried

Farmers—some of whom were already worried because they had no coal with which to cure tobacco—feared that because of the cut in rail schedules there was a reduction in the supply of sulphate of ammonia, a major fertilizer ingredient.

The Atlantic Coast Line announced that two passenger trains would be eliminated from its schedules tomorrow and 14 next Tuesday. Other lines serving the Carolinas had already announced similar curtailments.

Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne said in Raleigh the Virginia Electric and Power Co. had not requested a reduction in north-eastern North Carolina similar to one ordered for Virginia limiting consumption of current to a total of 24 hours a week.

May Use Navy Ships

In Virginia, the possibility of utilization of navy vessels to generate supplemental power for the Hampton Roads communities probably will be discussed at a conference today between the State Corporation Commission and power officials, according to L. M. Carthy, commission chairman.

Downs was not prepared to say, however, whether the plan for such power would bring any liberalization of the rationing program, to become effective tonight at midnight, for the Hampton Roads area.

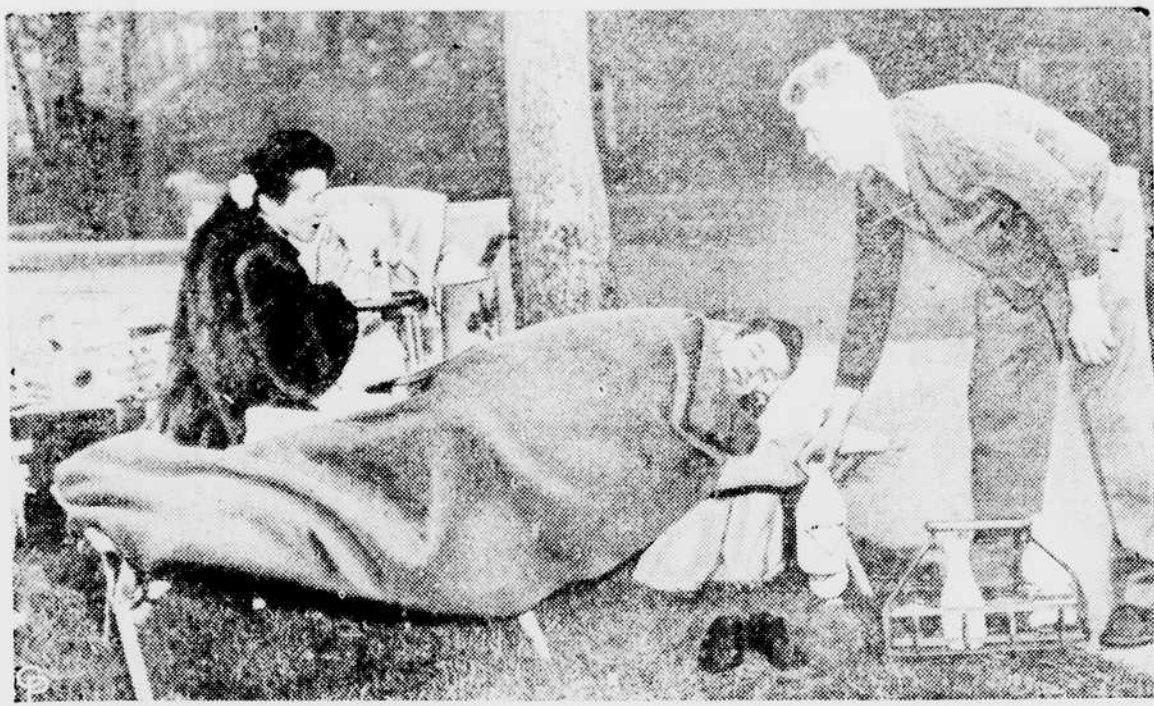
A possibility for relief of that area developed when Ray J. Dunn, manager of the Port of Portsmouth, said the navy would send a capital ship to the Norfolk-Portsmouth area to supply power during the shortage.

Meanwhile, preparations went forward for carrying out the commissions power rationing order, the interpretation of which made clear that industrial and business activities in the 68 Virginia counties affected would be curtailed sharply at midnight.

CANNON MILLS COMPANY To CUT PRODUCTION

Kannapolis, May 9.—(AP)—The Cannon Mills Co. announced today that it would curtail production one day a week at its plants to prevent the necessity of a complete shutdown because of the coal shortage.

MILKMAN—PLEASE KEEP THOSE BOTTLES QUIET



OUSTED FROM THEIR QUARTERS in Chicago where they were living with relatives, ex-Seabee John Shelyski corks off soundly on the lawn of their former home as his wife, Helen, tells the milkman to—keep those bottles quiet. They were evicted when relatives objected to John's smoking and whistling in the house. Baby Rose Ann (highchair rear) joins her dad in the "please don't disturb" request. (International Soundphoto)

President Not In Favor Of Seizing Mines

Says Loan Measure As Important As Strike Legislation

Pittsburgh, May 9.—(AP)—Settlement of the 115-day-old Westinghouse Electric Corp. strike—longest major walkout since the war—was announced today.

A joint statement issued by the company and the striking CIO United electric workers said the firm had agreed to an 18 cents an hour wage increase, with "four variations."

The firm's 73,000 striking production workers had sought a flat wage boost of 18.5 cents hourly, after reducing their original demands for a \$2 a day pay hike.

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—President Truman said today the coal strike is slowly and gradually approaching the stage of a strike against the government and that various methods of coping with it are under consideration.

But as for government seizure of struck mines, Mr. Truman said only he will cross the "line" when he comes to it.

The President also declared at a news conference that he will favor seizure of essential businesses if that were necessary to keep them running. There was no amplification of the point.

Conservation Steps Taken

As Mr. Truman spoke, coal shortages cut deeper into industrial production and prompted government agencies to take new steps to conserve fuel—including a dim-out in the east and mid-west.

Replying to a question, Mr. Truman said that he was going into the matter now as to whether he has authority to end the 39-day-old coal strike without the consent of John L. Lewis, president of the 400,000 striking United Mine Workers.

But he said he did not favor having made the British loan in the Senate to take up labor legislation.

Loan Important, Too

Mr. Truman termed the British loan as just as important.

Nor would the President commit one way or another on a proposal by Senator Lister (D) of Illinois which would empower him to seize plants to safeguard the public interest and to take away seniority rights of strikers.

Mr. Truman last Saturday called the strike "a national disaster." Up to then, the effect had been felt mainly by industry. Now, in its 39th day, it is hitting the man on the street and the housewife in her kitchen.

The Civilian Production Administration urged electric power utilities in coal burning areas east of the Mississippi and in Iowa, Missouri and Minnesota to ration electricity in progressive stages, starting with a brown-out and thence to a black-out of all but essential services.

CPA Suggestions

As a beginning, CPA suggested electric street advertisements and movie marquees be darkened just as they were in war-time.

An order readied by CPA for issuance—probably today—would authorize the rationing of manufactured gas—a possible blow to the householder who cooks with that fuel.

But more immediately, the government's ban on non-essential railroad freight shipments and the 25 per cent slash in rail passenger service goes into effect at midnight tonight. To supplement this order, the Office of Defense Transportation urgently appealed to motor carriers to give priority to the movement of food, fuel and other essentials.

Embargo Placed On Parcel Post

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—The Postoffice Department ordered today an embargo on parcel post shipments weighing more than 11 pounds with certain exceptions. The department said the embargo, effective at midnight, was ordered as a result of the coal strike and curtailment of rail service.

Four classes of goods are exempt: Live day-old poultry; seeds, plants and other nursery stock; eggs, butter and other perishable food products; and medicines, drugs, surgical instruments and surgical dressings.

United States Of Europe Called For By Churchill

Address Made To Dutch Parliament; Unification Sought

London, May 9.—(AP)—Winston Churchill in an address to the Dutch parliament, called today for a United States of Europe. His address was broadcast by the Netherlands radio at Hilversum.

"I see no reason," he declared, "why under the guardianship of a world organization there should not arise the United States of Europe, both of the east and of the west, which will unify this continent never known since the Roman Empire."

"It will give you prosperity, justice and peace."

His statement evoked long applause.

"These special alliances between nations, far from weakening the structure of the United Nations, should make the United Nations indivisible and inviolable," the former Prime Minister of Britain declared.

Nothing But Good

"It is evident that the affairs of the British Commonwealth are becoming ever closer with those of the United States. There can be nothing but good for the whole world from such a friendship with Russia will also be a guarantee for peace."

Churchill said "we welcome the proposed treaty of friendship with France" and expressed the hope that "the western democracies may draw together in closer association."

He called for affirmation "of the sanctity of smaller states."

"The duty of large powers in the modern world is to see that those rights are protected," he said. "It is the purpose of the United Nations to make sure that the force of rights will be protected by the right of force."

Senate Votes Extension Of Draft Law

Joint Resolution Passed By Senate; Gives Six Weeks

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—The Senate approved unanimously today an extension of selective service until July 1.

The action came on adoption of a joint resolution by Senator Edwin Johnson (D) of Colorado after the Senate had last June passed the \$2,700,000,000 British loan bill.

If the measure later is approved by the House the draft law would be continued in its present form for a month and a half beyond its May 15 expiration date.

Democratic Leader Barkley noted the extension also would keep alive until July 1 President Truman's power under the Smith-Cannedy amendment to the Selective Service Act to seize struck coal mines.

Barkley earlier had told the Senate this authority would expire May 15 unless the draft law is extended.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and slightly warmer tonight. Friday, increasing cloudiness and little change in temperature. Showers extreme west portion.

LaGuardia Seeks New Food Agency

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—Creation of a new international agency was advocated today by UNRRA Director General LaGuardia to handle the problems of food shortages "in these years of starvation."

In an address before UNRRA's 43rd government council the chief of the international relief organization also:

1. Called for swift action by member nations to bring home the approximately 1,400,000 persons—a great stock pile of human misery—in the displaced persons camps within the next 30 to 60 days, provided they are cleared of collaboration charges.

2. Blamed the United States, in part, for inaction in finding new homes for the war created exiles.

3. Urged countries with room for refugees to "sit down at a table" and talk over methods for bringing the refugees in.

Truman Doesn't Consider Paris Meet A Failure -- Yet

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—President Truman told his news center today that he did not yet consider the foreign ministers conference in Paris a failure.

When the time comes that it has broken down, he said, Secretary of State James Byrnes will be authorized to make an announcement. Some diplomatic officials here, however, took the view that the conference had failed and that this meant a split of Europe into Soviet and western spheres.

Mr. Truman also told reporters he had not heard about any drastic change in American policy toward Russia because of the disagreement of major European peace issues which the Paris meeting has produced.

And, he remarked sharply, the President makes the foreign policies.

Mr. Truman was asked too, whether he knew of the existence of a German army in the British zone of occupation in Germany. He said he did not think there is one.

The questioner had referred to articles by Walter Lippman, New York Herald-Tribune columnist, on conditions in Germany as a result of a personal study of conditions there.

Mr. Truman said he had read the articles and by way of comment remarked that hind sight is a great thing.

The reporter wanted to know whether in this case, "hind sight is accurate." Mr. Truman said he could not answer that, that he hadn't been to Germany himself.

Robert Nash Chrysler And G. M. Found Guilty Of Murder

Judge Grady Orders Him To State Gas Chamber On July 26

Raleigh, May 9.—(AP)—A Wake County Superior Court jury today found Robert L. Nash, 42 year old movie projectionist, guilty of first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting January 14 of Mrs. Marge Parker, 22.

Judge Henry A. Grady sentenced the former resident of Henderson and Durham to die by gas on July 26.

The jury deliberated 40 minutes.

The defense presented no evidence but contended in argument that Nash was not in full possession of his mental faculties at the time of the shooting.

The State argued that Nash had decided that if he could not have the woman "no one else could." Her husband had returned from overseas just a short time before Mrs. Parker was slain on Fayetteville Street.

Nash, watched calmly as the Wake Court directed by Judge Henry A. Grady went through the legal ritual attendant upon the opening of a murder case and the selection of a 12-man jury yesterday.

And he was still calm as he listened while at least five State witnesses testified that Nash had shot Mrs. Parker at Raleigh's busiest intersection last Jan. 14 while her husband—who had just been discharged from the Army—and her brother were waiting for her in an automobile parked nearby.

In early identified terms the witness testified that they had seen "a man grab a girl with his left hand, then shoot her four times with a pistol in his right hand."

These witnesses included Police Sgt. L. L. Collins and Police Lt. J. H. Hayes, who said they were about 75 yards from the scene.

"I heard a scream," Collins testified, "and looked down the street to see what was happening. There was a man who had a woman by the right shoulder with his left hand and he was shooting her with his right hand. She screamed and dropped to the street."

Collins said he jumped on a passing car and followed Nash to the police station.

Collins said he raced upstairs and found Nash standing before the desk lieutenant, O. C. Jordan, who testified in turn that:

"He came in, tuned over a revolver and said: 'I just shot a woman down the street and I want to give myself up.'"

Molotov Declines Connally Query, Even In Russian

Paris, May 9.—(AP)—Senator Tom Connally (D) of Texas asked Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov of Russia at a party at the United States Embassy last night if he could say "yes" in any language.

Nikolai Pavlov, the Soviet interpreter, laughed so hard at the question he was unable to translate immediately. When he did, Molotov also burst into laughter.

But he didn't say "yes."

Chrysler And G. M. To Halt Operations

Grain Prices Increased By Government

Attempt Is Made To Obtain More Food For Starving

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—At the risk of new binges in its "hold the line" policy, the Government today posted higher prices for grain, in a fresh move to obtain more supplies to aid the hungry overseas.

The price boosts are desired to make it more profitable for most farmers to sell their grain, rather than use it for feeding livestock and poultry—a practice that has been limiting the market supply.

The higher grain ceilings may make some increases necessary in prices of milk and dairy products, Agriculture Department officials said. They also thought it likely that price increases may have to be granted on wheat and corn food products, such as flour, bread, bakery products, corn syrups and corn sugar.

No immediate hike was looked for in the price of meats, poultry and eggs. However, if the higher grain prices produce the desired effect, there will be considerably less meat and poultry available later on, for curtailment of grain feeding is expected to cause heavy marketing of fowls and animals in the months ahead.

Crop Progress In State Good

Raleigh, May 9.—(AP)—The progress of North Carolina crops to date has been exceptionally good in most cases and farming is at full swing, a federal-state report said today.

"Farm labor is still a problem, but growers are managing to overcome this difficulty by pushing back work and making full use of available farm machinery," the report added.

Chennault Feels Russia Supplies China War Reds

Honolulu, May 9.—(AP)—To Major General Claire L. Chennault "it is evident" that Communists in China are getting supplies from Russia and would like to take over the Chinese government.

The former commander of the Flying Tigers is en route from China to Washington after a secret mission to the Orient.

"There has been a good many artillery duels between Chinese Communists and Nationalist forces," he said in an interview. "Chinese Reds are not getting their stuff from heaven. It is evident it is coming from Russia."

Shortage Of Parts And Rail Embargo Declared Reasons

Detroit, May 9.—(AP)—General Motors and Chrysler Corporation announced today the impending suspension of production in their assembly plants as a result of the rail embargo.

G. M. reported its plants would be closed within the next 10 days, and Chrysler said all passenger car assembly lines would be down next week.

Chrysler said its truck assembly lines and other operations will continue to work. It attributed the impending suspension of passenger car output to "shortage of parts aggravated by the coal strike and the rail embargo."

Follow Ford Lead

The G. M. and Chrysler announcements followed closely the decision of the Ford Motor Co. other member of the industry's "big three," to halt all production. Ford began its shutdown last night; General Motors said its assembly lines will begin to close Monday on a progressive basis.

Affected by the suspensions are 215,000 G. M. employees; 110,000 Ford employees and immediately 11,000 car assembly workers in the Chrysler plants. Car and truck output, which reached a post-war high of 67,345 units last week is expected to drop around 50,000 next week as a result of the complete suspension by Ford and G. M. and the passenger car shutdown by Chrysler.

SIGNAL SYSTEMS ON SEABOARD ORDERED

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission has directed the Seaboard Air Line railway and the Atlantic Coast Line railroad to install block signal systems over portions of their lines.

A block signal system warns a train approaching a block or section of track if the block is occupied by another train.

The commission also directed Seaboard to install by April 1, 1950 block signals on all portions of its lines where a speed of 60 miles or more per hour is authorized. The Coast Line must meet the same specifications by July 1, 1950.

Seaboard was ordered to install the systems on three portions of its lines.

Between Hamlet, N. C., and Savannah, Ga., via Columbia, S. C., to be completed by October 1, 1947.

New York Cotton

New York, May 9.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened to cents a bale lower to 90 higher.

May prices were 55 to 90 cents a bale higher. May 27.58, July 27.51, October 27.91.

	IV. Close	Open
May	27.40	27.33
July	27.56	27.53
Oct.	27.70	27.78
Dec.	27.73	27.89
Mar.	27.81	27.90
May (1947)	27.80	27.90