

TRUMAN ORDERS COAL MINES SEIZED

Sen. Barkley Seeks Labor Bill Action

Majority Leader Asks Less Talk; Want Time Limit

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—Democratic Majority Leader Alben Barkley of Kentucky sought Senate agreement today to cut short talk about labor legislation and get down to action.

Before the chamber met for its eighth day of debate, Barkley said he hoped to win a stipulation to limit the length of speeches with the aim of final action before week's end.

With draft, OPA, and atomic energy control legislation listed as "must" before a hoped-for July recess, Barkley considers time as pressing.

Pepper Won't Object.

There was a slight prospect that the first test vote on a Labor measure might come during the day. Senator Pepper (D) of Florida said he would not object to a quick vote on his amendment to the "mild" bill recommended by the Labor Committee.

Pepper's proposal would declare it the policy of Congress to encourage establishment of health and welfare funds, whether they were administered jointly by labor and management or by either of the two.

Substitute Amendment.

He offered it as a substitute for an amendment by Senator Byrd (D) of Virginia to prohibit sole union administration of welfare funds to which employers contribute.

Thus far most of the talking has come from Pepper and other defenders of the labor committee's bill. His declaration of readiness to vote on his amendment was taken up promptly by senators on the other side.

"While willing to vote on it," Senator Ball (R) of Minnesota told reporters. Ball is one of a group of Republicans and Southern Democrats who have organized informally to cut over a labor bill of their own.

Large Raid Is Made On Danube Area

Vilshofen, Germany, May 21.—(AP)—Four thousand American troops, striking by surprise at dawn today, raided a Hungarian river fleet suspected of smuggling SS fugitives, ammunition and black market supplies along the Danube river in southeastern Germany.

Vilshofen is on the Danube 12 miles northwest of Passau, which is on the Austrian-German border.

Hundreds Are Questioned.

Nearly 400 boats, including many former units of the Hungarian navy, were boarded and searched by heavily armed U. S. constabulary troops.

Hundreds of the boats' occupants were removed for investigation by U. S. army counter-intelligence agents. A report said that many machine guns and other weapons, radio transmitters and receivers, quantities of U. S. army food, clothing and other contraband were found.

Flame Cultivator Is Shown; Will It End Need For 'Hands'?

Red Springs, May 21.—The flame-cultivator, final link in the mechanical chain which eventually will completely eliminate hand labor in the production of North Carolina cotton, is being demonstrated on the George Ashford cotton farm near here by its designer-builder, J. C. Ferguson, agricultural engineer of the State College Extension Service.

The flame cultivator, built by J. C. Ferguson at State college along the lines of commercial models, successfully passed its first test when it weeded six of Ashford's 190 acres of cotton in two and a half hours at a cost of 75 cents per acre. The cultivator is a two-row machine. The minimum cost of weeding cotton by hand is \$5 to \$8 per acre.

Limited use already is being made of mechanical planters and cotton pickers in this state. Ferguson's is the only flame-cultivator now in operation on a North Carolina farm.

U.S. Air Growth

1925	1945
500	4 000

CIVIL AIRPORTS



AIRCRAFT FORMATION



MAIL MILES FLOWN



AIRLINE PASSENGERS



AIRMAIL RATES

1925	1945	1946
10¢ AN OZ	8¢ AN OZ	3¢ AN OZ (PROPOSED)

These statistics show the growth of the United States air industry clearly in the chart above, which shows its progress in the two decades from 1925 to 1945.

State Truck Drivers End Brief Strike

Six Firms Affected By Walkout Of 400; Terms Not Revealed

Charlotte, May 21.—(AP)—Settlement of a truck drivers strike involving 400 drivers for six companies of this area, was announced today.

Yates Heafner, conciliator for the U. S. Labor Department reported an agreement between the operators and local No. 71 of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers (IAFL) after an all night conference.

The settlement terms were not disclosed. Drivers were reported to have resumed their runs at once.

The drivers struck Saturday in support of demands for wage increases calling for 4 1/2 cents per mile and \$2.50 a day for expenses.

Companies affected were the Harris Motor Lines, Inc., Miller Motor Express, and Johnson Motor Lines, Inc., all of Charlotte; Akers Motor Lines and Howard Motor Lines, both of Gastonia, and G & M Motor Lines of Statesville.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy, cooler east and central portion this afternoon clearing and cooler tonight. Wednesday, fair and mild.

Two Die In Kinston Tornado

Night Blow Injures 45; Damage Big

Kinston, May 21.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and 45 others were injured, 29 of them requiring hospitalization, by a tornado which roared down on the outskirts of Kinston last night.

The dead were listed as John Potter, 62, and his wife, Mrs. Nellie Potter, 63.

Mrs. Potter died in a hospital today after being critically injured along with a son, Jake Potter, when their home was destroyed. The elder Potter apparently was killed by flying debris, while the son suffered a broken arm.

Earlier reports that a negro woman was killed were found to be untrue.

The tornado, striking north, south and west of Kinston about 5 p. m., destroyed nine homes and five business establishments and disrupted communications. Only one telephone circuit connected the city with points west of here early today.

Safe Under Pool Table.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland J. Hardison, their three children and Mrs. Hardison's mother, Mrs. W. L. Benners of Norfolk, Va., saved themselves by crawling under a pool table before their service station-home was destroyed. The only one injured was Mrs. Benners, who suffered cuts on one leg.

Twenty persons were still hospitalized today and 25 others received first aid and were released.

Stanley B. Baker suffered serious back injuries when his home collapsed on the car in which he was sitting with two brothers.

Telephone and power lines north of the city had been repaired and service was restored.

Navy Fund Of \$4 Billion Is Suggested

Would Provide For Increased Training, Research Programs

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee today recommended a cash fund of \$4,639,659,000 for the Navy in the next fiscal year, topping budget estimates by \$574,260,000 to finance an intensified training and research program.

The committee's bill, sent to the House floor for the debate starting tomorrow represented a compromise between budget bureau recommendations and the navy's request. The navy had asked for approximately \$5,000,000,000, including contract authority and re-appropriation.

The committee said it believed the new fund would be ample to maintain the world's largest and most modern navy. The proposed fund is \$1,118,923,879 below current year appropriations.

NAVY DISPOSING OF U. S. INSTALLATIONS.

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The navy expects to reduce the number of its continental air installations to 80 by September 1, and of this total only 32 will be at full operating capacity.

The peak number of landing fields and similar facilities operated during the war was 177, of which 97 have been or will be declared surplus by September 1.

Vice-Adm. Arthur Radford of the Bureau of Aeronautics told a House Appropriations Sub-committee that the navy and marine stations to be disposed of, with the total navy investment in each include:

North Carolina: Atlantic, \$2,600,000; Camp Lejeune, \$281,129; Edenton, \$8,143,000; Elizabeth City, \$3,202,330; Harvey Point, \$3,969,622; Kinston, \$1,451,225; Manteo, \$1,618,829.

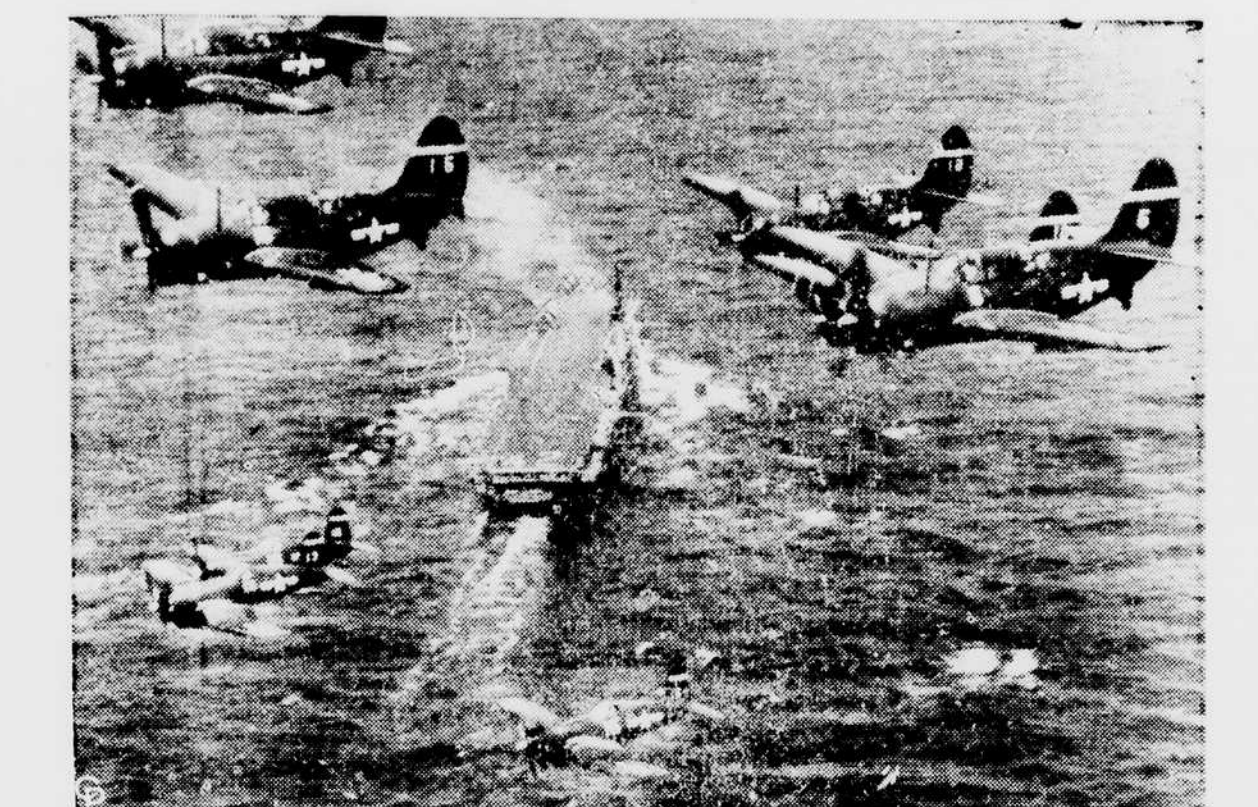
New York Cotton

New York, May 21.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 cents a bale higher to 10 cents lower.

Open prices were 15 to 35 cents a bale higher.

July 27.45, October 27.76, December 27.87.

EIGHTH FLEET PLAYS AT WAR IN CARIBBEAN



DURING MANEUVERS of Admiral Marc Mitscher's 8th Fleet in Cuban waters, torpedo-bomber hell divers and escorting corsair fighters attached to Air Group 75, rear over their home carrier, the 45,000-ton Franklin D. Roosevelt. The big carrier, flagship of the fleet, led the various units into the Gulf of Para, off Trinidad, British West Indies where the "war games" were staged. U. S. Navy photo.

Vandenberg Reports On Paris Parley

Peace-Seeking U. S. Policy Developed, Senator Asserts

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R) of Michigan told the Senate today the Paris meeting of the foreign ministers had developed a "positive constructive, peace-seeking, bi-partisan foreign policy for the United States."

Vandenberg made no specific mention of difficulties the American delegation encountered in seeking Russian agreement to conference proposals but he said that for the time being he was "willing to let the record stand" where Secretary of State James Byrnes left it in his report to the nation last night.

In effect, Byrnes gave Russia the choice that it could stop blocking a European peace conference this summer or the U. S. would carry the whole matter to the United Nations.

Proclaiming an American "offensive for peace," Byrnes left no doubt that it would be carried out even at the expense of the basic post-war ideals that the great victory nations should act in unison to fashion the future.

The cabinet officer made it plain that he held Russia responsible for the disappointing outcome of the foreign ministers conference which recessed in Paris Thursday until June 15.

Byrnes' formal report listed a dozen outstanding issues with Moscow on which he indicated the United States would not compromise.

Vandenberg, chairman of the Republican Senatorial Conference conceded that the Paris meeting had failed to produce agreement on many vital matters, but said it had solidified American policy to write a "peace for keeps," based on justice and not vengeance.

State Railroad Seeks To Pay Off State's Holding

Raleigh, May 21.—(AP)—The majority stockholders of the Atlantic and East Carolina railroad proposed today to pay off the state's holdings in the road to leave it free to operate without state jurisdiction.

William B. Richman of Washington, N. C., counsel for two of the three stockholder-directors, proposed to the council of state that the stockholders be allowed to pay off all the road's obligations to the state, totaling \$174,194.29, leaving no further state interest in the line, which runs from Goldsboro to Morehead City.

The council accepted the proposal, and stockholder-directors called a session for this afternoon to prepare an agreement under which the deal will be made.

Hope For Early End To Iran Case Fades

Red Troops Out Of Iran, Prince Says

Last Forces Left On May 6, Report From Teheran Says

Teheran, May 21.—(AP)—Prince Firouz, director of propaganda, announced tonight that the Soviet evacuation of Azerbaijan province and all Iran was completed May 6.

In an official statement, Firouz said the Iranian government's official mission sent to Azerbaijan to investigate whether the Russians had left had completed its assignment.

After a visit to the principle areas and towns formerly occupied by the Red army, the commission reported that all Soviet troops were out of Azerbaijan on "May 6, as provided and foreseen by agreement," Firouz said.

As a result, he added, a telegram was sent today to Hassan, Ali (Iranian ambassador to the U. S.), so informing him and directing that he communicate with the security council. The British, United States and Soviet embassies in Teheran also were officially notified.

Do You Know Her?



THE SOLE clue to the identity of an American flier who was killed in Italy is the above picture found in his pocket. It was taken in England in 1943 and the Surgeon General's office in Washington asks: "Do you know who she is?" (International)

Krug To Act As U. S. Boss Under Plan

Rail Strike Talks Reported Hopeful; Compromise Sought

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—President Truman today directed Interior Secretary J. A. Krug to seize the soft coal mines, now operating under a truce which will expire Saturday.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told newsmen that Krug would take over the mines tomorrow at a time to be determined by him.

Ross added that both the United Mine Workers and operators had informed the White House that Krug "was acceptable" to them.

"Does that mean the miners will work, let the government?" a reporter asked.

No Inferences.

Ross said he couldn't draw any inferences for the reporters.

The President's executive order signed at 2 p. m. (EST) directs Krug in his capacity as soft coal administrator, to take over the mines and operate them in such a way as to "preserve the national economic structure in the present emergency."

The government already has taken over the strike-threatened railroads.

Ross said that "both sides were sounded out" on the appointment of Krug to operate the mines and "he was pronounced acceptable to both the coal miners and the operators."

Krug was expected to announce shortly his plan for seizing and operating the mines.

EVERYTHING HOPEFUL, SEN. BARKLEY SAYS.

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—Senator Barkley (D) of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, said after a talk with President Truman today that the railroad and coal strike situations are being handled in a way as to "preserve the national economic structure in the present emergency."

Barkley was one of the group of congressional leaders making their weekly call at the White House.

He said Mr. Truman discussed the coal and rail crisis briefly.

"We asked him how the negotiations were getting along," Barkley told reporters.

The senators added that the matters were "in status quo—everything is hopeful."

That's A Lead.

"If everything is hopeful," a reporter remarked, "that will be a lead." The president's remark that this would be a development warranting a new story on the situation.

"Well," Barkley said, "don't make it too 'lead-y'."

The carriers and unions both reported progress in their separate talks with John Steelman, White House labor advisor who is acting as mediator in the dispute over wages and working rules.

Despite this hopeful note, a brotherhood official told a reporter privately that the trainmen and locomotive engineer brotherhoods are "going right ahead with plans for the strike." But he added that new secret code words also have gone out.

The pass words "convention" and "Johnson" were employed by the two brotherhoods last Saturday in notifying the 250,000 engineers and trainmen that the five-day post-strike had been arranged. Mr. Truman also included them in his dramatic announcement that the truce was off.

Record Production Of Food In 1946 Is Indicated In State

College Station, Raleigh, May 21.—A record production of food crops is in prospect for North Carolina this year, it was reported today by G. Tom Scott, state director of the Production and Marketing Administration.

A summary of farm plans filed with county AAA committees reveals that to date 27 per cent of the State's 244,000 farm operators have filed requests for assistance through the Agricultural Conservation program. This is an indication, Scott observed, that farmers are seeking record food production and are long-time conservation of soil resources.

The summary shows that already farmers have plans to use 557,000 tons of limestone and more than 122,000,000 pounds of phosphate to increase production and stimulate the growth of cover crops as a means to checking erosion and improving soil fertility. Consumption of lime and phosphate will be seven and 13 times greater, respectively, than quantities used 10 years ago, the FMA head said, adding: "This still is but a minor fraction of these important plant foods needed annually on our farmland."

More than 15,000,000 pounds of seed will be planted to winter cover crops to add nitrogen to the soil and protect it through the winter. Prospects are that 200,000 acres will be seeded to Austrian winter peas, 40,000 acres to vetch, 117,000 acres to crimson clover, and 68,000 acres to ryegrass.