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## 58 LOSE LIVES IN CHICAGO HOTEL FIRE

### Discharges Halted By Coast Guard

Navy Considers Similar Action; Talks Continue

Washington, June 4.—(AP)—The coast guard as well as the navy considered its manpower today in the big question "Will there be a merchant strike?"—brought over Washington.

The coast guard suspended all discharges.

The navy considered similar action. Naval stations were reporting the number of men on hand with a cargo vessel experience.

There was no secret among officials that if a joint strike of CIO seamen and dock workers takes place, the government will have a problem finding qualified men to operate the merchant fleet—as President Truman has promised to do.

**Strike Date: June 15.**

With the strike date only 10 days off, weary union men and ship operators gathered again at the Labor Department for more argument on whether the 56-hour week can be reduced for men at sea.

The seamen's work week has become the nub of the whole dispute—virtually swallowing up the question of basic wage increases. These have been demanded but discussed very little.

Labor Department officials said the CIO National Maritime Union was no longer insisting on over-time pay above 40 hours. They refused to describe the new union position. Neither side would discuss it because Secretary of Labor Schwelb has demanded of them a pledge not to talk about the bargaining process.

### Churchill Praises 'Contribution' Of Labor Government

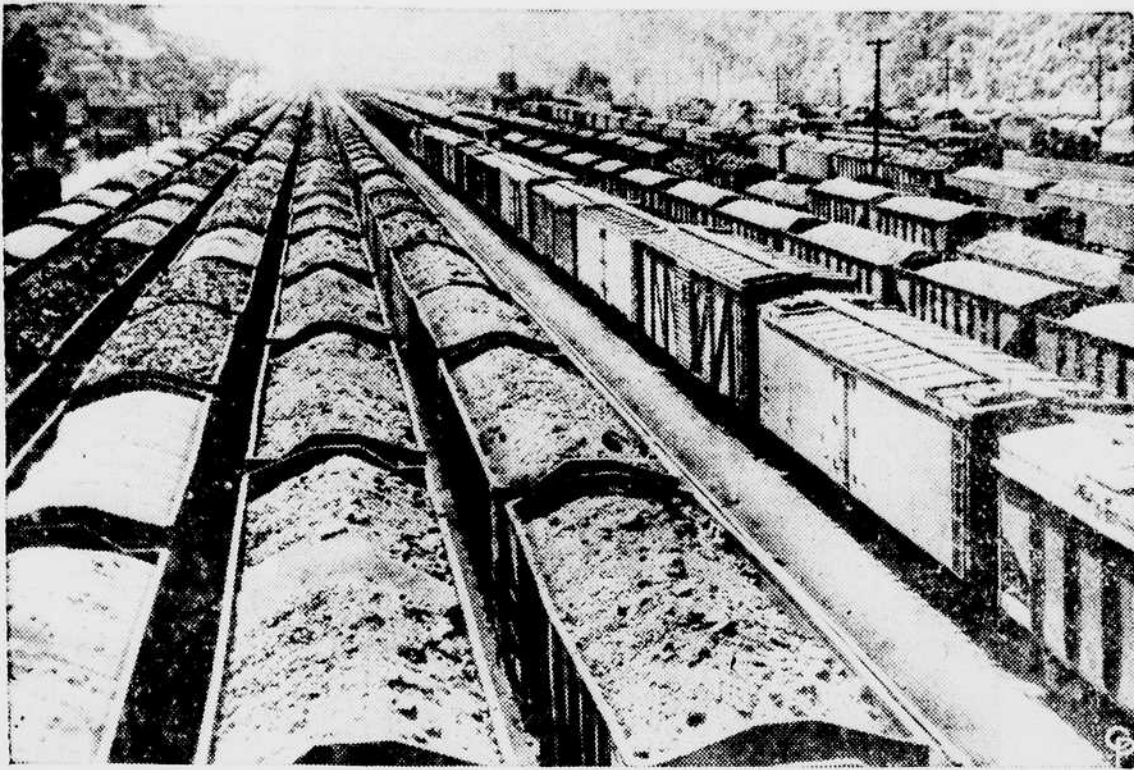
London, June 4.—(AP)—Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared in Commons today that the British Labor government had "made an important contribution to world peace" by a "resolute denunciation of communism."

He said, however, that Prime Minister Aneurin Bevan "has followed the Russian principle in foreign affairs of one party government" by not consulting opposition leaders.

Churchill, now leader of the conservative opposition, said "I am not complaining."

Churchill, opened the second day of a foreign affairs debate, praised Laborite Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who he said "has stood forth as a representative of much that is wise and courageous in the British character."

### MORE BLACK DIAMONDS FOR NATION'S FURNACES



THE SCENE HAS CHANGED at the Norfolk and Western yards in Williamson, West Virginia, where a few days ago empty coal cars filled the yards, now with the soft coal miners back at their jobs, the yards are once more working at top speed to transport the precious fuel to feed the nation's furnaces. Williamson is the gathering point for some 300,000 tons of coal mined weekly in the local areas. (International)

### Gov. Warren Leading In California

Given Nod From Both Parties In State Primary

By The Associated Press

Republican Governor Earl Warren, seeking another term as California's chief executive, was out in front for both the Republican and Democratic nomination on the basis of returns today from Tuesday's primary balloting.

Senator William F. Knowland, another California Republican who hoped to be selected by both political organizations, ran far ahead in his own party's senatorial primary but trailed former U. S. Rep. Will Rogers, Jr., for the Democratic endorsement.

Elsewhere in five states which held primaries yesterday:

- 1—Democratic Senator Chavez of New Mexico held a slight lead for renomination over Governor John Dempsey.
- 2—A political novice war veteran, James E. Folsom, won the democratic nomination and hence for practical purposes election as Governor of Alabama.
- 3—Former Governor Harold Hoffman of New Jersey was beaten off in a comeback attempt.
- 4—The Republican Governor of South Dakota was defeated.
- 5—Renomination of incumbent senators and representatives was indicated in all sections.

### Protestants Ask Truman To Recall Envoy To Vatican

Washington, June 5.—(AP)—Eleven Protestant church leaders urged President Truman today to sever all diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

Mr. Truman was presented resolutions from seven denominations terminating assignment of Myron Taylor as the President's representative to the Vatican "unauthorized and unconstitutional."

Dr. Samuel Cabert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, said the eleven leaders represented churches with a membership of 29,000,000 members.

### Stocks Hesitant Toward Recovery

New York, June 5.—(AP)—The stock market today halted its trend of recovery sessions, although attempts at recovery were hesitant.

Amer. an Woolen preferred was up more than eight points at one time and common more than two. Western Union A reflected the upheaval of a ten per cent wage increase.

On the offside were Bethlehem, American Telephone, U. S. Rubber and Woolworth.

### FIRST DUCATS FOR 'LOST COLONY' SOLD

Manteo, June 5.—First tickets for this season's revival of Paul Green's The Lost Colony were purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jernigan of Ahoskie, who paid \$24 for a block of 10 reserved seats for the opening performance on the night of June 30.

Mrs. Jernigan, who procured the tickets from John A. Walker, general manager of the production, said her family planned to attend the opening night and bring as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Edison Marshall of Augusta, Ga., together with their two children, Nancy and Edison, Jr. Marshall is an author.

"We wanted to be sure that the Marshalls would have the best seats possible," Mrs. Jernigan said. "So I am buying them now."

Jernigan, a farmer, owns a cottage at Nags Head, nearby beach resort, and the Jernigan family plans to move down on for the entire summer. The children, Robert, Jr., Nancy and Garrett Jernigan, will invite a guest to use the 10th ticket.

Walker said that mail requests for reservations were coming in daily and added that his office will begin mailing the tickets immediately. The Lost Colony season extends from June 30 to September 2, with 49 performances scheduled this summer.

### TO VIEW FIGHT SCENE

Bangkok, Siam, June 4.—(AP)—American and British military observers left yesterday for Nongkhai at the request of the Siamese government "to survey the scene" of recent French-Siamese labor clashes. They probably will remain several weeks.

### NAMED 4-H LEADERS

College Station, Raleigh, June 5.—Miss Eleanor Barber, Warren County Home Demonstration Agent, and Jesse James of Valdosta, Ga., have been appointed assistant state 4-H club leaders at State College.

It was announced yesterday by Dr. I. O. Schaub, Extension Service di-

### Chinese To Sign Truce Thursday

15-Day Armistice Set In Manchuria; 3 Points Unclear

Nonking, June 4.—(AP)—General George Marshall's committee of three Thursday will sign an agreement imposing a 15-day truce in Manchuria.

The truce is preliminary to negotiations for permanent peace between the Chinese government and the Communists, who for 18 years have waged civil war, primarily in Manchuria.

Lu Chung-hsi, prominent Kuomintang (government party) leader, announced the armistice. He said these three points remained to be negotiated for peace:

1. Permanent cessation of fighting.
2. Restoration of communications, disrupted many places by fighting.
3. Reorganization of the army.

Lu said the truce would go into effect immediately after it was signed by the committee of three, whose members are General Marshall, U. S. envoy to China; Communist negotiator Chen En-lai and government General Chu Yang-chung.

At the same time, Marshall's headquarters ordered an advance section of executive headquarters at Peiping to move to Changchun, Manchurian capital, "in preparation for carrying out any agreement that may be reached for the cessation of hostilities."

### New York Cotton

New York, June 5.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale lower to five higher. Noon prices were five to 15 cents a bale lower.

July 28.25, October 28.50, December 28.67.

	Pc. Close	Open
July	28.25	28.28
Oct.	28.50	28.51
Dec.	28.75	28.76
Mar. (1947)	28.79	28.79

### R. J. Reynolds Divorce Case May Bring Harm To State

By LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, June 5.—Ordinarily news about marriage and divorce belongs in the society section, with occasional front-page material if the parties are sufficiently important or the details lurid enough.

The pending suits of R. J. (Dick) Reynolds and his wife, however, may have considerable effect upon a number of North Carolina activities which have benefited from Reynolds money. The Smith Reynolds Foundation will not be affected, but Dick has personally contributed a great deal to his native state. Some of the people around capitol square fear that his domestic troubles leading to removal of his legal residence to Florida or elsewhere may result in withdrawal of financial aid to North Carolina functions.

It is known that Reynolds privately supplemented available funds in order to expand services of the central experiment station at State

### Breadlines Forming In Many Cities

Nation Beginning To Feel The Pinch Of Wheat Shortage

Chicago, June 4.—(AP)—Breadlines were forming in most of the nation's stores and bakeries today as the country experienced its worst wheat shortage, but the Millers National Federation predicted relief in two or three weeks.

However, Herman Steen, executive secretary of the federation, said "this is the worst week the millers will have" and added that from 80 to 90 per cent of the nation's flour mills will shut down for lack of wheat to grind into flour.

However, two factors pointed an upturn. They were the worst winter wheat crop, yielding 25 per cent above expectations, coming in Texas and Oklahoma; and a plan by the Department of Agriculture to divert grain from foreign relief wheat stocks to the most acute domestic bread shortage areas.

Steen predicted the shortage will be greatly relieved by mid-to-late July as four of the new winter crops reaches the mills. He said, however, "government red tape," shipping the grain from elevators to mills, getting the right blend for bread flour, and delivering the flour to bakers, all would require a time lag of two or three weeks.

### Draft Will Probably Be Kept Intact

Washington, June 4.—(AP)—Senators, weary by hours of wrangling, appeared set today to reject a proposal for a "draftless draft" by a maneuver designed to block induction of teen-agers.

The Senate voted yesterday to resume the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds and senators who want to keep the selective service law intact were confident of defeating any draft "holiday."

Senator Revercomb, Republican, West Virginia, arguing for suspension of selective service inductions, declared today "I don't want to draft American boys to march into Spain."

"And," he added, "I don't want draft boys to take part in a civil war in China."

Revercomb, in a floor speech, termed "absurd" an assertion by Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, yesterday that the Franco government is "a threat to peace" and said "I thought we had enough of that sort of thing when the State Department tried to interfere with Argentina's election."

He acknowledged he did not "know what this country's commitments might be," but he declared that "if action against Franco is one of them, then I am against them."

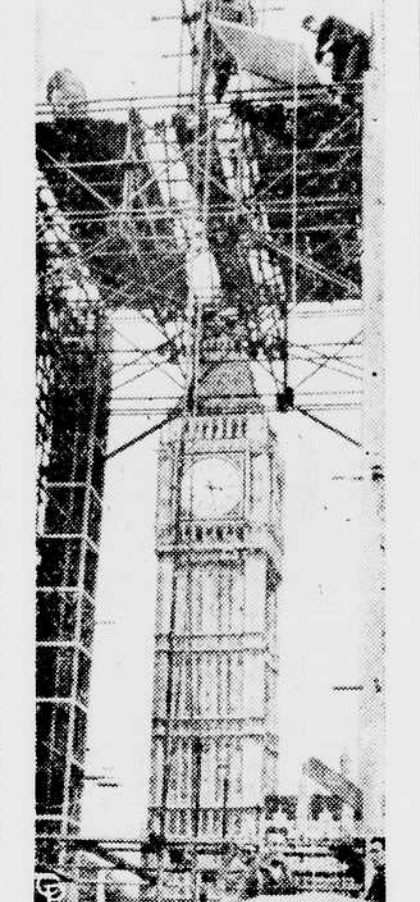
Revercomb took the floor as the Senate approached a vote on extending selective service until May 15 of next year. He said the army favors "peacetime conscription" because it wants "the pick of the land."

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and little change in temperature tonight, Thursday, fair and slightly warmer.

### About 200 Persons Injured In Effort To Escape Flames

V-Day Pylon



PREPARING for the huge London V-Day Parade, June 3, workmen rush construction of a victory pylon in Parliament Square, the home of the Ben, the large clock, which looms in the rear. (International)

### Monarchy Is Thrown Out By Italians

Republic Has Lead Of 2,000,000 Votes; Umberto Will Leave

Rome, June 5.—(AP)—Pietro Nenni, socialist vice premier, announced today that the republic had been voted by the Italian people and that King Umberto II would leave Italy.

A government source had announced four hours earlier the defeat of the monarchists in the week-end plebiscite.

Queen Maria Jose, wife of King Umberto II, and her four children arrived at the Capoti Chino airport in the neighboring suburbs tonight.

Trucks loaded with 29 pieces of luggage from the train went with her.

Rome, June 5.—(AP)—A government source said today "there is no longer a doubt" that Italy's voters rejected the monarchy in the week-end plebiscite.

Several newspapers said the royal family of King Umberto II was preparing to leave Italy, but the report lacked confirmation.

The government source said that "even if all the votes remaining to be counted are for the monarchy, it would not change the outcome" in favor of a republic.

The afternoon newspaper L'Indipendente, said the republic thus far had a lead of two million votes over the monarchy.

The government source said only small towns in southern Italy remain to be heard from.

Nearly complete returns in the recent assembly election gave Premier Alcide DeGasperi's Christian Democrats an impending victory. The Socialists ran second to this middle of the road party and the Communists held a close third.

### Seeds For War Being Sown Now

London, June 5.—(AP)—Prime Minister Alee charged in the House of Commons today that Russia had discarded the spirit in which the Allies entered into the Potsdam agreement.

He spoke in a foreign affairs debate shortly after Winston Churchill, wartime prime minister and now opposition leader, declared that "the seeds of a new world war are being sown" in the Soviet-dominated areas of eastern Europe.

Alee said Russia had insisted on imparting to the Potsdam agreement a liberal and literal interpretation.

"I think," said Alee, "that they disregard the spirit in which we entered into these things at Potsdam."

Alee said "one of Great Britain's difficulties was to try to get into the minds of our Russian friends some real understanding of the way we work in western democracy."

### Phone Operator Heroine Of Fire

Chicago, June 5.—(AP)—A selfless phone operator who refused to be dragged from her post today in the LaSalle Hotel fire, because she insisted on remaining behind to notify guests.

W. E. DeHoff, assistant night manager, told police he tried to drag Mrs. Julia Barry, 44, the operator, from her post on the second floor but that she refused to leave.

Fire Shoots Up Elevator Shaft Several Stories

Chicago, June 5.—(AP)—At least 58 persons were killed today in an early morning fire that rushed through the LaSalle hotel in the Chicago loop district.

Many suffocated in bed without awaking, and others were asphyxiated by smoke in the hallways and others were the victims of their own panic which caused them to leap from high windows.

Fire department sources estimated about 200 persons were injured.

The first alarm was turned in at 12:35 a. m., when most of the 1,100 guests had retired for the night. Within 10 minutes, the first three floors were engulfed in flames and both main street exits from the 37-year-old hotel were impassable.

Five extra alarms were sounded and more than 300 firemen battled the blaze, bringing it under control about 3:30 a. m.

Most of those who were burned had been housed on the third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors. About the sixth floor, smoke and panic claimed their victims. At least 10 persons died as they leaped from their rooms and fell to the street.

Of the 54 bodies which overflowed the Cooke county morgue, 27 were listed as unidentified. On many of bodies were only a few fragments of burned clothing, which crumbled when touched.

John Flanagan, chief house detective at the hotel, said the fire started in number five elevator shaft. He quoted Detective Edward McNamara as saying the operator of elevator pushed it to the lobby and said there was a fire in his pit.

Several persons with fire extinguishers went to the reported location of the blaze, and the fire department was summoned, arriving in five or six minutes.

On the fourth floor, seven bodies were found in a crawling position. The victims had been headed toward a fire escape, and had been overcome on the way.

"On a glass canopy were found the bodies of a mother and her child, arms banding one another. Both were burned beyond recognition.

The figures of many persons appeared in windows, as if they were trying to leap. Even as flame and smoke menaced those in windows, firemen cautioned:

"Sit tight—we'll get you out!"

Rescue ladders were quickly raised and more than 50 persons were saved. Military police and shore patrol members aided with police, firemen and other volunteers to stretch nets in the street to catch those who leaped. One woman was carried down a fire escape by a fireman and rushed to a hospital. Almost on arrival, she gave birth to a baby.

The hotel register was destroyed in the fire and an emergency list of those who had been injured was being compiled, to aid in answering the pitiful pleas of those seeking loved ones.

One fireman was killed and 29 or 30 injured in battling the fire and smoke.

### NOW IT'S CONGRESSWOMAN PRATT



Rep. Jane Pratt poses with other members of the North Carolina delegation on the steps of the Capitol in Washington just before she was sworn in as Congresswoman from the Eighth North Carolina District. She is filling the unexpired term of the late Rep. Burgin. Left to right: Rep. John H. Folger of Mt. Airy, Rep. R. L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, Rep. Pratt, Senator Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, and Rep. A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia. (AP Photo).