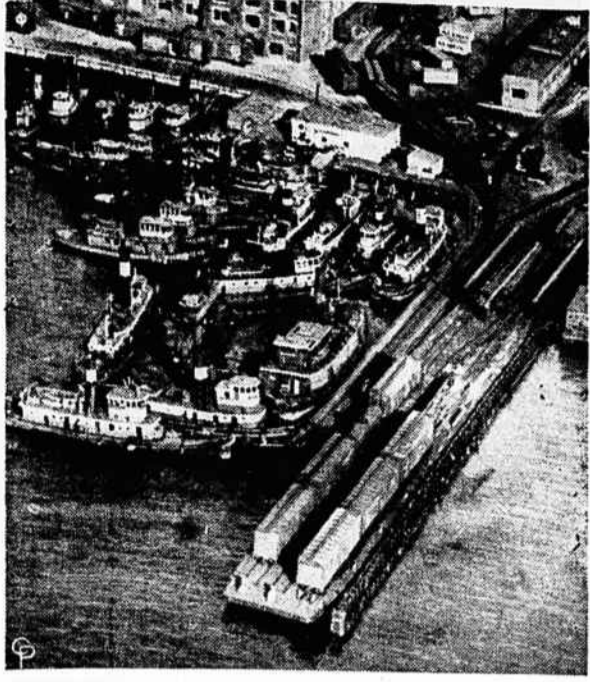


## TUG STRIKE ADDS TO SHIP CRISIS



**Huddled idly** on the Brooklyn, N. Y., waterfront are some of the 3,500 tugboats which were tied up as a final move in the strike of maritime workers which has completely crippled shipping activities in New York harbor. Some 1,600 vessels are reported immobilized throughout the nation by the walk-out of AFL Seamen's unions. (International)

# Wage Board Ponders Sailors' Dilemma As Nation's Export Business Chokes

## Food Stocks In New York Are Depleted

New York, Sept. 10.—(AP)—As chain store stocks neared exhaustion, the strike of 25,000 AFL truck drivers bit deeper into the New York metropolitan area's industrial life today, bringing plant shutdowns, layoffs, and threatening to halt work on vast building projects.

Max A. Foley, president of the New York Building Congress, declared that work on hundreds of millions of dollars worth of construction in New York would be halted within a week for lack of supplies if the strike continues.

Other building spokesmen estimated layoffs already run into the thousands.

### 2,000 New Policemen.

As a result of the emergency, created by both the trucking strike and the walkout of AFL seamen, Mayor William O'Dwyer announced that 2,000 new policemen would be placed on duty next week.

The Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. announced it would close all of the 500 A. & P. stores in the New York area at the end of Saturday's business. The Safe-Way Food Stores also announced it would close at least 240 of its stores. The National Sugar Refining Co. suspended operations at its Long Island City plant, affecting 1,000 men.

## Miss America '46



**MISS California**—otherwise Marjlyn Buford, 21, Los Angeles—is shown here after she had been crowned Miss America of 1946 at the Atlantic City beauty pageant. Miss Buford is tall, slender and brown haired. (International Soundphoto)

## More Data Might Ease WSB's Task

Washington, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The Government Wage Stabilization Board met today for a second look at its ruling which touched off the spreading AFL maritime strike.

Gravely aware that America's merchant fleet lies motionless, the six members opened their hearings on seafarers' wages.

The resumption of ocean shipping is at stake.

So, too, perhaps, is the future of the board itself, and the whole government wage-price policy laid down last Feb. 14.

Here is the board's dilemma:

1—If it sticks to its August 23 ruling that able-bodied seamen should get no more than \$17.50 a month as a wage increase, the strike might go on and on with dire results.

2—if it reverses its position, it would be doing something which a majority of its members have said "would seriously weaken the whole stabilization program."

The White House, the Labor Department, the Maritime Commission, the army, navy, and other agencies stood by. There were conference but no definite plan of government action emerged.

### New Data Needed.

One thing that could make the task easier for the Wage Stabilization Board is "new evidence."

Government officials close to the situation take the view that if important new facts were presented, the board might be able to reverse its ruling without wrecking its prestige or revamping the whole policy of wage and price control.

An official said that in such a case, the board might announce in effect:

"New data about the agreements between ship operators and AFL seamen, not given to us before, shows that we can properly approve higher wage increases without violating the present policy. The maritime industry, where the government owns most of the ships, is an unusual and vital industry and this approval does not constitute an invitation for higher wages in other industries."

One obstacle to the "new evidence" solution, however, is that AFL leaders didn't seem anxious to provide any. Spokesmen for the ship operators, however, were on hand to argue for approval of the higher AFL wage increases.

### Export Trade Choked.

Meanwhile, the nation's deep water shipping remained strike-bound with export business completely shutdown, while government agencies and shipping concerns considered the demand of CIO seamen for wage increases equivalent to any granted AFL sailors.

Joseph Curran, president of the 90,000-member National Maritime Union (N.M.U.), declared he would demand increases for his men matching anything won by AFL seamen who went on strike after the Wage Stabilization Board ordered a cut back to \$17.50 a month in AFL's negotiated raises.

The striking seamen are affiliated with the Seafarers International Union and the Sailors Union of the Pacific. The AFL unions originally negotiated raises with operators amounting to \$22.50 a month, on the west coast and \$27.50 on the east coast.

The CIO previously received a hike of \$17.50 a month, the level to which the WSB had chopped off the AFL seamen's pay boost.

The United States Maritime Commission said that along the Atlantic coast 723 ships were tied up, an increase of 23. About 200 were reported strike-bound on the Gulf coast.

## ADMIRERS 'MR. AMERICA' CONTESTANT



**MILWAUKEE MODEL** Dee Phillips is shown admiring the muscles of James Sobolski, 21, chosen as "Mr. Wisconsin" in a recent contest. Sobolski, who is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 190 pounds, will enter a national contest for "Mr. America" honors. (International Soundphoto)

## Meat—If You Can Find It—Is Back Under OPA Control

### Housewives Turn To Fish, Chicken; Army Is Hard Hit

Washington, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Meat went back under OPA ceilings today and housewives in many cities had to turn to poultry and fish markets to round out their menus.

Even the army, the world's biggest single customer, said it may have to do likewise unless the meat shortage abates.

The new butcher shop prices average 12 per cent higher than on June 30 when meat began its 71-day period in the free market. They are lower than most recent prices, but the ceilings are meaningless in many communities because counters are bare.

How long the shortage will last became a prime issue not only among OPA and Agriculture Department experts but among army food buyers as well.

### Rationing Is Out.

Any return to consumer rationing appeared to be out.

One remedy being discussed is a possible price boost to encourage greater production on the farms, ranges, and feed lots.

But no action appeared imminent.

The Agriculture Department—given the last word over such matters in the price control extension law—was unwilling to concede that a long and severe shortage is in prospect. A spokesman said department meat experts think the meat famine may be over in a month or so and that in any event it is too early for any decision.

Officials admittedly were watching the meat reconform program closely as a guide to the whole future of peace-time price controls.

The army told of its concern in an announcement by the quartermaster general's office that its meat buy-

## Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Partly cloudy and continued hot tonight and Wednesday.

## China Fight Is Spreading

### Formal Declaration Is Being Predicted

Peiping, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Government troops attacking from three directions advanced on the Chinese Communist stronghold of Kalgan today in a major offensive which observers said may end China's last chance for a negotiated peace.

The civil war already had reached an all out tempo in much of north China, military personnel here agreed. They forecast that the new drive toward the Red regional capital, 80 miles northwest of Peiping, would spread the fighting throughout north China.

Some predicted a Communist counter-thrust at Nanking, national capital. Others said they regarded the attack on Kalgan—the Communist model city—as equivalent to a "declaration of war" and predicted a formal Communist "declaration" in reply.

ing in July "due to the unfavorable price situation," totaled only 15,400,000 pounds, compared with 38,000,000 pounds bought in April.

With buying still off last month, officials said supplies on hand will permit customary menus to be served only through September.

## Stocks Take Further Dip

New York, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Stocks dipped, rallied shortly and flopped again today in another one of the most active sessions of the past year.

The decline was extended at the start. A flood of bids then stemmed the slide, reduced or cancelled early losses and brought numerous recoveries with the ticker tape late for an interval.

Prominent on the retreat were Bethlehem, U. S. Steel, Chrysler, General Motors and duPont.

Resistance was shown by U. S. Rubber, Union Carbide and Air Reduction.

Bonds slipped.

## Ewing's Lawyers Say State Hasn't Made Its Point

Fayetteville, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Counsel for Wall C. Ewing, prominent Cumberland county politician who is on trial for his life on the charge of slaying his wife, asserted today that the State had failed to prove that Mrs. Ewing's death resulted from a criminal act.

The trial, which began August 27, and is one of the longest in the county's history, is slowly drawing to a close. The opposing lawyers, who began their arguments to the jury yesterday, continued their speeches today, and Judge R. Hunt Parker is expected to deliver his charge and place Ewing's fate in the hands of the jury tomorrow.

Thomas McNeill of Lumberton, one of the four defense lawyers, told the jury that evidence presented by the State that Ewing threatened his wife, cursed her and beat her many times over a period of two and one half years were the acts of a drunk man and not a murderer.

The evidence only shows that Mr. Ewing fought his wife, that Mrs. Ewing is dead, and that probably she died of an external force applied to the side of her head," McNeill said.

## Pittsburgh Power Walkout Averted; Injunction Issued

Pittsburgh, Sept. 10.—(AP)—A court order, stressing the public interest and welfare, brought a quick end today—at least temporarily—to a strike of electric power employees which had threatened paralysis of a 1,817 square mile area embracing 1,500,000 persons.

The order forbade any activities "which will imperil the lives, property, health and well being of the citizens."

Just as the strikers were beginning to leave their posts to take on picket stations, Judge Walter P. Smart handed down the injunction directing the Independent Association of Employees of the Duquesne Light Co. to "rescind and recall any order declaring a strike." It enjoined the union from "interfering with the operations of any auxiliary equipment of the company, the city of Pittsburgh or any other supplies of power." It forbade picketing.

## Commission Established For Trieste

### Paris Committee To Draft Statute For A 'Free City'

Paris, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The peace conference commission on Italian political and territorial questions decided today to set up an eight nation sub-commission to draft a statute for the free city of Trieste.

At the same time James C. Dunn, U. S. assistant secretary of state, withdrew three American proposals for a detailed delimitation of the international zone and Italian-Yugoslav boundaries.

American and French explanations of the American action differed.

Dunn was quoted as saying the proposals were withdrawn because they never had been discussed by the foreign ministers council. The proposals were only advanced, he said, because there was no detailed delimitation of the French line to which the council agreed.

Now the French have drawn up a detailed proposal and, rather than create confusion by having two proposals from members of the four-power foreign ministers council, the U. S. decided to withdraw its plan, Dunn was quoted.

A French source, however, said the U. S. proposals were withdrawn because of adamant opposition from Russia, who would not budge from their view that she had given her approval in the council to the French and not the American line.

The detailed American line differed from the French at two points, near Gorizia, north of Trieste, and near Monfalcone, west of Trieste.

## '46 Cotton Crop Forecast Drops

Washington, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department today forecast a 1946 cotton crop of 9,171,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight, based upon conditions prevailing Sept. 1.

This estimate compared with 9,293,000 bales forecast a month ago, and with last year's crop of 9,015,000 bales. The acreage for harvest, the indicated yield per acre, and the estimated production, respectively, for North Carolina was: 571,000, 412; and 400,000.

### MANILA AWAITS TYPHOON.

Manila, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Many Manila government offices and business houses and the American school closed early today to permit employees and pupils to prepare for a typhoon, scheduled to pass 15 miles north of the city tonight.

## Many Jews In Palestine Put Under House Arrest

### Conference On Palestine Is Started

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee opened the London conference on Palestine today with the assurance that Britain was not committed to the controversial British-American experts plan to divide Palestine into a federal state of four zones.

Addressing Arab leaders, Attlee appealed to both Arabs and Jews to "make concessions necessary for peace" in the Holy Land where fresh violence flared.

Jews did not join the confab, but indications grew that they might take part later, though not at the same table with the Arabs.

An informed Jewish source said that the Jewish Agency would join the talks later this week, if Britain "showed a willingness to concede."

A British government official predicted that both the Jewish agency and non-agency would attend later on.

British cabinet ministers were reported considering a "certain formula" under which the Jewish agency had offered to participate.

Faris Bey El Khouri, president of the Syrian chamber of deputies and an official spokesman for the Arab League said he would reply formally to Attlee's address when the conference resumes tomorrow.

## Hobson Sentenced To Maximum Term In Wilson Trial

Wilson, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Harvey Hobson, Wilson county tenant farmer, was sentenced to 49 years imprisonment today after a superior court jury convicted him on two charges of manslaughter in connection with the shotgun slaying of his landlords, Stephen and Andrew Etheridge.

The jury deliberated one hour before returning its verdict. Judge Henry L. Stevens imposed the maximum sentence, 20 years on each count, and stipulated that the sentences should run consecutive.

### U. S. SEEKS REICH REPORT.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—(AP)—A new U.S. proposal to obtain a four-power investigation of the status of German demilitarization in all four occupation zones has reached the Allied control authority coordinating committee, the American Military Government disclosed today.

## Terrorists Sought By British Troops In 2 Communities

### Sergeant Is Slain

Jerusalem, Sept. 10.—(AP)—More than a third of Palestine's Jewish population was placed under strict house arrest today as British troops sought the persons responsible for a series of bombings which killed three persons last night, injured a dozen and caused widespread property damage.

Approximately 8,000 troops poured into Tel Aviv at dawn to assist police in making a house to house search of all that Jewish city, where two British officers were listed as killed outright in an explosion which damaged a government building.

Tel Aviv and nearby Ramat Gan today were placed under a paralyzing curfew as a result of the terrorist acts and British troops were staging an inch by inch search of both Jewish communities.

A communique issued here disclosed for the first time that a British sergeant was shot and killed near Petah Tikva when he investigated an explosion there.

It was previously reported that a British major, serving as a Jaffa-Tel Aviv security officer, was killed in a blast which wrecked his home and damaged a government building across the street. Also killed was an Arab constable on guard duty.

Throughout northern Palestine, authorities reported a number of explosions but details still were lacking as to damage and the targets.

### NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 50 cents to \$2.05 a bale lower. Noon prices were 95 cents to \$1.40 a bale lower. October 36.60, December 36.27 and March 36.05.

## WARNS OF POLICE USE IN STRIKE

Presiding at a meeting of city officials, spokesmen for the truck-drivers union, employers and mediators in New York City is Mayor William O'Dwyer (center). He told the men that if essential food and medical supplies are not moved he will use the full police power of the city to make certain that they reach their destinations. (International)

## INFANT SAVED BY RARE OPERATION



**SIX-DAYS-OLD** Patricia Koenig of Asbury Park, N. J., is held by nurse Betty Howell at a Philadelphia hospital after a rare operation saved the infant's life. Patricia was born with her esophagus in two sections, making it impossible for the baby to take nourishment. The delicate operation took over three hours. (International Soundphoto)