

Hopes Brighter For Halting Theated CIO Telephone Strike

By The Associated Press

Hopes appeared brighter today of averting a threatened nation-wide strike by some 25,000 CIO telephone equipment workers.

The strike deadline is 5 a. m. (EST) Friday but the Federal mediator said after all-night negotiations in New York he was "very optimistic" about a settlement of the wage dispute.

Representatives of the CIO Association of Communication Equipment Workers and the Western Electric Company planned to resume sessions this afternoon.

"The picture looks very bright," said Thomas B. Steutel, Federal mediator.

The outlook for an agreement was termed "encouraging" by Henry L. Mayer, union attorney who is participating in the wage negotiations.

The union, whose members install and maintain central-office telephone equipment in 43 states and the District of Columbia, called the strike in support of a 31 cents an hour across-the-board wage increase. Later it was reported to have cut its demand to 11 to 16 cents an hour. Current wages average \$1.15 an hour.

In one of the nation's major strikes—the two-week-old work stoppage by CIO longshoremen—the Army prepared to use troops if necessary, to handle military cargo at strike-bound west coast ports. The troops will be used if enough civilian stevedores do not sign up, said Secretary of the Army Royall in Washington.

In the CIO Oil Refinery Workers Union strike on the Pacific coast negotiations were resumed in San Francisco between the union and one of the six major struck companies.

In Richmond, Calif., scene of fighting at the Standard Oil Company refinery Tuesday, Mayor R. H. Miller said representatives of the striking union and two non-striking unions had agreed to extend indefinitely a "truce" that halted disorders around the plant.

Wage negotiations between the union and the other companies have been temporarily recessed at the union's request. The union struck 13 days ago for a 21 cent wage hike above the pay scale of \$1.68 an hour. The companies have offered a pay boost of 12 1/2 cents.

Hugh E. Sheridan, a special mediator, continued efforts to settle the 16-day truck strike in New York City by AFL teamsters. After meeting with the city's three key locals of the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters Sheridan said prospects were "not bad" for getting the unions to unify their varying wage demands and present a single set of terms to employers.

Weatherman Sees Football Air For Weekend

By The Associated Press

The Weatherman today gave the green light to opening football games this week-end. He offered little encouragement, however, to farmers of the Carolinas.

His forecast today called for continued fair weather with no outstanding changes in temperatures over the two-state area. He saw little prospect for rain, generally needed for late farm crops.

Columbia was the warmest city in the two states yesterday as the mercury rose to 87 degrees. In most other cities, it hugged the low eighties.

Many North Carolina points awakened to chilly weather this morning. Readings were generally in the fifties in the western and northern portions of the state.

Representative readings for the two states: Raleigh 82-55; Greensboro 81-55, Charlotte 81-59, Spartanburg 82-62, Charleston 76-64, Columbia 87-59, Hatteras 79-71, Mt. Mitchell 69-49, Myrtle Beach 83-61, Wilmington 85-61, Rocky Mount 80-57, Anderson 84-64, Greenville, S. C. 81-64, Asheville 82-52, Hickory 83-57, Winston-Salem 81-57, Florence 85-53, Lumberton 85-57.

WEATHER

North Carolina—Fair and much change in temperature this afternoon, tonight and Friday.

Last Of Jap Fleet Headed For Scrap

Tokyo, Sept. 16 (AP)—The last of the Japanese battle fleet will be on the scrap heap by the end of this year.

U. S. Navy spokesmen said today that 406 former enemy war craft ranging from battleships to 20-ton torpedo boats, had already been scrapped. Fifteen more will be cut up before the year ends.

The scrap is being given to the Japanese government for industrial use.

Local Child Killed By Truck Near Conway

Conway, Sept. 16—Sheila Nicholson, three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Nicholson of 1008 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids, died en route to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital after she had been struck down by a truck near Conway about 11:15 this morning.

Chief of Police W. B. Cole of Conway and Northampton County Sheriff J. C. Stephenson said shortly after noon today that they were conducting a full investigation of the accident and had no report to make. Chief Cole said he was not at liberty to reveal the name of the driver of the death vehicle and said he would await the results of his investigation before he took any further action. County Coroner S. D. Hitchens is assisting the officers in their investigation.

Chief Cole said the child was struck on the highway a short distance from town, but said he had learned none of the circumstances surrounding the accident. An ambulance from the Conway Funeral Home picked up the injured little girl and word was telegraphed to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital that she was being brought there, however she died before the ambulance could reach the city.

Nicholson, the father of the dead child, is an employee of Ray's Barbecue Stand in Roanoke Rapids, and a fellow employe of his said the little girl and her mother were visiting some of Mrs. Nicholson's relatives near Conway when the accident occurred.

No funeral arrangements had been made early this afternoon.

German Youths Stone Police In Russian Sector

Berlin, Sept. 16 (AP)—Some 150 German youths stoned three policemen in the Russian sector of Berlin today, the Soviet-controlled press reported.

This was the third stoning of eastern sector police in recent weeks. The first two drew gunfire from the police and resulted in the death of one Berliner and the wounding of more than 20 others.

The communist police report said the three policemen were returning home from duty when a swarm of youngsters near a "black market center" set upon them and showered them with rocks from nearby rubble heaps.

The report said the youths were "incited by older people," one of whom was said to be drunk. He was arrested along with 15 boys. The latter were released after several hours, the account said.

A former Berlin official, meanwhile, was reported facing a secret Russian court today, as the east-west war of nerves continued.

Last night, American authorities said the official—Dr. Curt Mueckenberger, former manager of the Berlin central coal organization—was to face trial in a secret Soviet court session.

The Soviet-licensed press has made no comment on the reported trial.

Mueckenberger was arrested by the Russians a month ago after they removed him from office for an "uncooperative attitude." Nothing since has been heard from him.

Early Entries In Lions Club Fete's Talent Night Show Give Indication It Will Be One Of Week's Features

Talent Night, one of the features of the annual Lions Club Festival to be held here next week, is well on the way toward becoming one of the outstanding events of the week-long festival, it was announced today by Lion John Lupton, who is heading the club committee on arrangements for the talent show and quiz program.

Dancing, singing and instrumental numbers by entries from Roanoke Rapids and nearby surrounding towns will be presented in their specialties, with Mack Outland as master of ceremonies for the show, which gets underway Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Lupton said that among the earlier entries for the Talent Night numbers are Mary Spieght, Geraldine Butler, Stanley Johnson and young Gale Bradshaw, all of Roanoke Rapids, who will sing, dance and play. Ralph Willis of Weldon will be featured in a harmonica act. Roselee Phillips of Emporia will be outstanding as a guitar soloist and Eldred Strickland will be a featured vocalist.

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Taft Says Truman Has Encouraged Open Defiance Of U. S. Labor Laws

Cincinnati, Sept. 16 (AP)—President Truman "has encouraged the open defiance of the law now engaged in by some of the more radical labor bosses," Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) declared yesterday.

The Ohio Senator made the statement in reply to a letter released Tuesday by the chief executive. The letter accused Taft of an "entirely improper" attempt to "put the heat" on the NLRB to act against the International Typographical Union, AFL, engaged in a dispute with Chicago publishers.

Taft labeled the attack on himself as "merely an attempt to carry favor with the labor bosses who control the labor publicity to which he (President Truman) is looking for help in the election."

Taft, chairman of the Senate labor committee, defended his appearance at a meeting with Chicago publishers' representatives and National Labor Relations Board officials last July 28, in a statement that said in part:

"During the ten minutes I was present at the meeting, I made a general statement relating to the importance of prompt action in cases of this kind if the prosecuting division of the board found that

the facts justified it. I urged that there be no delay simply because of Mr. Denham's (Robert Denham, NLRB general counsel) absence, which might be prolonged because of his illness. I did not purport to pass on the facts in the case, except to say that the publishers seemed to me to have made out a prima facie case. "Of course, I have a special interest in the enforcement of the National Labor Relations Act, as a chairman of the labor committee and as a member of the special committee to study the enforcement of the act."

"The president in his letter says that he does not expect to interfere in the internal affairs of the National Labor Relations Board. If he finds that any branch of the executive department or constitutional duty, it is not only his right but his duty to call them to task for such failure."

"The truth is that President Truman, by the veto message accepted so largely from the communist sympathizer I see Pressman, and by other public statements, has encouraged the open defiance of the law now engaged in by some of the more radical labor bosses."

Rep. Andersen Says U. S. Backs Canada's Spuds

Washington, Sept. 16 (AP)—Rep. August H. Anderson (R-Minn.) said today the government is in effect supporting the price of Canadian potatoes.

"This comes," he told a reporter, "while American taxpayers will be forced to pay up to \$100,000,000 in 1948 for the tremendous surplus of potatoes grown in this country."

Anderson, chairman of a special food investigating committee, added:

"So far this year about 3,500,000 bushels of Canadian potatoes have been shipped into this country under a reduced duty and an additional 3,500,000 bushels will be brought in during the next 60 days."

"Although President Truman has the authority to stop the import of potatoes from Canada, he has not taken such action."

"Unless Mr. Truman takes such action it will mean American taxpayers will be forced to provide more money to but additional quantities of surplus American potatoes."

Vance Collins Named Head Of Jacket Band

Vance Collins has been elected President of the Roanoke Rapids High School band and Shirley Stewart has been appointed as Drum Major. It was announced today by George Baird, band director.

Others who were appointed to be majorettes during this year were Mary Francis Allbrook, Lola Sykes, Mary Joyce Finch, Anne Bunn, Pat Rawlings, Jean Johnson, and Doris Ingram.

Ann King, June Ann Johnson, and Inez Lassiter were appointed to be the flag carriers. Baird announced that all the names on the list are subject to change.

The band chose as their officers for the year Lewis Ivey, vice-president, and Vivian Haggins as secretary-treasurer. The other members of the First Band are Herbert Moore, Thurman Bullock, Doris Jean Smith, Patricia Toppings, Alice Brown, Jackie Williams, Cora Mae Haggins, Peggy Ann Edwards, Lewis Langston, Donald Reeves, "Bootsie" Marks, Clyde Camp, F. W. Lee, Tommie Brown, M. C. Crane, Reid Gaskins, Bobby George, Billy Clemmer, Donald Gray.

Members of the Second Band are Lewis Connell, David Camp, Jean Johnson, Reginald Edmonds, Bill Savage, Carlton Finch, Claude Drewry, Billy Council, Sharon Everette, Christine Justice, June Ann Johnson, William Bullock, Harriett Carawan, Russ Burton, Wayne King, Richard Tanner, Jean Miller.

Lunchroom Opens
Halifax — The lunchroom of the Halifax school opened Monday morning, with 57 of the 76 students enrolled eating their midday meal in the lunchroom. Starting today milk will be served with each meal.

Mrs. Walter Farrior, teacher and principal of the school, is lunchroom supervisor. Assisting Mrs. Farrior this year is Mrs. Lee Birdsong.

Part Of Japan Hit By Typhoon; Tokyo Missed

Tokyo, Sept. 16 (AP)—Ten central Honshu prefectures were lashed by a typhoon tonight as winds up to 60 miles an hour zipped east of metropolitan Tokyo.

At least two were dead, three injured and 23 missing in the 10 prefectures, early reports indicated.

Torrential rains deluged sections north and west of Tokyo sending rivers on rampages. Thousands of Japanese fled as rivers threatened to engulf their homes.

Fears were expressed for the ripening rice crops.

Residents of Shimizu, 80 miles south of here, cringed with terror as four storm-tossed Japanese vessels were tossed about the harbor where the American freighter, Governor Bibbs, was trapped as it loaded explosive ammonium nitrate, the type of cargo that wrecked Texas City last year.

The center of the storm passed west of the city at 3:30 p. m. (7:30 a. m. EST).

Haneda airport reported only slight damage from the high winds. Four American B-29s landed at Misawa airport during the storm.

Coast Guard Takes Persons Off Ship Wrecked By Storm

New York, Sept. 16 (AP)—Rescue of two score persons from a ship wrecked in the North Atlantic—apparently a hurricane victim—started early today, the Coast Guard reported.

Bad radio reception shrouded the name of the ship and details of the rescue, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard heard one rescue ship tell another that 12 men had been taken aboard out of 42. One report said all 42 had been in the water, while another said that had been the total aboard the stricken ship.

Barkley Will Open Demo Tour At Asheville

Raleigh, Sept. 16 (AP)—Senator Alben W. Barkley, Democratic candidate for vice-president, will sound one of the opening notes in the Tar Heel Democratic drive today.

The Kentucky congressman is scheduled to speak, tentatively at Asheville, at the 12th congressional district rally Sept. 27.

Capus Waynick, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, announced yesterday Barkley's appearance.

The Asheville gathering will be the first of the 12 congressional district rallies to be held throughout the state before the November general election.

The definite time and place of Barkley's address will be announced later, Waynick said.

Eight Counties Report Twelve New Polio Cases

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 16 (AP)—Twelve new cases of polio were reported to the State Board of Health today by eight counties. The State's total for the year mounted to 1,060.

So far this week, there have been 42 new cases reported, exactly half as many as were reported in the same period last week.

Buncombe and Jackson County reported three cases each. Alexander, Caswell, Martin, Mecklenburg, Wake and Wayne reported one each.

The decline of the epidemic has caused a lifting of quarantine restriction in many sections of the state.

Sauerkraut, Weiners Menu For Annual Sauerkraut Day

Forreston, Ill., Sept. 16 (AP)—Two tons of sauerkraut and a ton of weiners were the main fare in "the world's largest free meal" planned today for some 35,000 visitors at the 29th annual sauerkraut day.

Today was a virtual holiday for most of the residents living within a 50-mile radius of Forreston, a community of 1,000 population in northwestern Illinois.

Forreston is not a cabbage growing center but its citizens are almost entirely of German descent.

Rodgers Sends Congratulations To Daily Herald

A pat on the back from a good neighbor next door was received here yesterday afternoon, when the Daily Herald received the following telegram:

Congratulations on your first issue as a daily newspaper. It is a splendid issue. Best regards for your complete success in the daily field. I regard your entry into the daily field as a very fine development for Halifax County as a whole.

Eric W. Rodgers, Publisher, Scotland Neck Common-wealth and Entitled Progress.

Nash County Boy Killed By Auto

Rocky Mount, Sept. 16 (AP)—A seven-year-old Nash county school boy died en route to a hospital here this morning after being hit by an automobile on highway 95 about eighty miles from Rocky Mount.

Highway Patrolman J. E. Rawls, who investigated the accident, said that the youth, Evrette Lee Long, apparently ran across the highway just after one car had passed and was struck down by a car driven by Joseph Tyson Ward, merchant of near Elm City.

The child, who had been waiting for a school bus near his home, received a broken neck and other injuries. No charges had been preferred pending an investigation of the case by Nash Coroner M. C. Gulley.

Truman, Dewey Map Campaign Nation Wide Trips

By The Associated Press

Four Americans Are Recalled At Romanian Request

Washington, Sept. 16 (AP)—The State Department disclosed today that four members of the American Legation staff in Bucharest, Romania, have been recalled on demand of the Romanian government.

Romania had accused the four of taking photographs in a forbidden zone.

The United States rejected the accusation and declared that the Romanian government's complaints "do not conform to the facts."

This assertion was made in a note which was delivered by Minister Rudolph E. Schoenfeld to the Romanian Foreign Ministry yesterday.

The note, released by the State Department today, accused Romanian police in the city of Giurgiu of having detained the two men and two women clerks of the legation staff for 17 hours incommunicado after the alleged photographing occurred.

It charged that "for 16 hours no member of the group was allowed food or water."

Against this "inexcusable action of the Romanian authorities," Schoenfeld lodged with his own note called an energetic protest.

The four members of the legation staff involved in the incident were named in the note as Wayne Fisher, third secretary and vice consul, of Glidden, Iowa; Paul Green, an attaché, of Newark, Ohio; Miss Ruth Virginia Garr, a clerk, of San Francisco; and Miss Peggy Maggard, a clerk, of Kansas City, Mo.

Super Speed Planes Under Construction

Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Air Force acknowledged today that half a dozen hitherto secret combat plane types are being built for speeds ranging up to supersonic. Most are jet and rocket powered.

Acknowledgement of the new types came after a summary of them was printed in American Aviation Daily, an industry news letter published here.

The new types, some being flown secretly at Muroc, Calif., airbase and others nearing completion are:

McDonnell XF-88, a two-engine penetration jet fighter.

Northrop XF-89, a two-engine all-weather jet fighter.

Lockheed XF-90, a two-engine penetration fighter with rocket engines for emergency speed bursts. Top speed is supersonic. That is faster than sound travels or about 760 miles an hour.

Republic XF-91, a single engine interceptor jet fighter, with rocket engines for use at very high altitudes. Top speed is supersonic.

Consolidated Vultee XF-92, an interceptor jet fighter with a V-wing using rockets for top operational speeds over 800 MPH.

Boeing XB-52, a huge bomber in the B-36 class powered with a turbine-propeller combination.

Young Demo Club Opens Meeting Today

Greensboro, Sept. 16 (AP)—The young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina open their state convention here late today, prepared to meet a challenge from three other parties that have won places on the general election ballot.

As final arrangements for the three-day convention were announced, Republican state chair man Sim A. DeLapp, in a news statement, invited Democrats to switch.

His assistant, James M. Bailey, said the G.O.P. has a change to elect five U. S. Representatives in the state's western most congressional districts. The state's rights democrats and the Progressives also have won places on the six million general election ballots now being printed.

T. Lamar Caule, of Wadesboro, assistant U. S. Attorney General, will be the main speaker at the convention banquet Saturday night.

Registration started at 4 p. m. today. The executive committee meets tonight. Final preliminary will be a meeting of past officers early, tomorrow, and then the convention will be called to order for its first general session at 2 p. m. The opening keynote will be Daniel K. Edwards of Durham county.

Speakers tomorrow night will be Senators William B. Umstead and Clyde R. Hoet, the party candidate for Governor, W. Kerr Scott, and state chairman Capus Waynick.

Separate meetings of the 13 state will start Saturday's activities. New officers will be elected and installed that afternoon.

East N. C. GOP Rally In Rocky Mount Tonight

Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 16 (AP)—Eastern North Carolina Republicans will hold a campaign rally here tonight.

Speakers will include John A. Wilkinson, GOP nominee for the U. S. Senate, and Joel A. Johnson, the Party's candidate for Congress in the fourth district, will be the principal speakers.