

THE WEATHER:
Winds along the North Carolina coast will be gentle to moderate southwest to northwest through Wednesday

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UN TROOPS BEGIN EVACUATING

Truman Conferring With Congressional Leaders On Crisis

Top Leaders Summoned To White House

President Will Speak On Radio Network Later In The Week

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP)—President Truman summoned top congressional leaders to the White House today for a conference on his plans to declare a national emergency.

Mr. Truman will outline the program to meet the world crisis Friday or Saturday night in a speech that will be broadcast and televised. The President's address may reveal when wage and price controls and perhaps rationing will be imposed, and to what extent. The administration is known to favor putting the nation on an economy just short of war.

Mr. Truman is reported to favor declaration of a state of emergency to make the nation aware of its danger in the face of Communist aggression.

Congressional sources said they were told to expect at today's (10 a. m.) meeting a report on international military and political developments.

The invitation to GOP leaders, including Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., was regarded as an attempt by the President to forestall Republican charges of "no bipartisan consultation" if controls and other emergency action are taken.

It was the first time that Taft, Senate Republican policy leader and a bitter administration critic, was invited to an emergency White House conference.

ACHESON PRESENT
Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall and Treasury Secretary John W. Snyder also were asked to attend.

The President was expected to cancel his regular Thursday news conference since he would prefer to have the nation learn of his decisions in a speech rather than through snap answers to reporters' questions.

Several economic developments were expected to provide additional pressure for all-out controls:

1. The Agriculture Department predicted that retail bread prices may increase one cent before the new year. Bakers may raise prices to cover increases in flour and production costs.

2. Chairman Thomas B. McCabe of the Federal Reserve Board said in Birmingham, Ala., that all the "resources and powers" of the Federal Reserve System will be used to combat inflation "in this critical period."

3. PER CENT CUTBACK
The government revealed a proposed cutback of about 30 per cent in civilian tin supplies, which would force canned food manufacturers to find substitutes.

4. Economic Stabilization Director Alan Valentine and Price Stabilizer Michael Disalle invited 26 producers of steel, copper, lead and zinc to a conference in Washington next week. The invitation said only that Valentine and Disalle will discuss a number of stabilization programs.



Tropic Plant Thrives In Cumberland Cold

IT'S JUNE IN JANUARY and Florida in North Carolina for A. B. McArtan (above), shown standing by a cabbage palmetto which grows in his front yard in Linden. McArtan believes that Linden is as far north as a cabbage palmetto has ever managed to thrive, and says that he has seen none farther north. The original seed for this plant was brought to North Carolina by Alexander McArtan, the present owner's father, some 30 years ago. It was plucked from a tree at the train station in Jacksonville, Fla.

McArtan's traffic-stopper is a full-grown cabbage palmetto celebrating its thirtieth year in a climate which ordinarily is too severe for its type.

And McArtan does get an occasional laugh out of his sub-tropic charge. For the benefit of Florida boosters, he photographs the tree when the snow is on the ground, then circulates the pictures as proof that snow falls in the land of oranges and cabbage palmettos.

FARTHEST NORTH
McArtan's horseback opinion is that his specimen lives at the farthest northern latitude ever reached by a cabbage palmetto. He says that the species may grow a bit farther north along the coast, but not as far inland as Linden.

So far, no one has given him any argument on this.

The history of the palmetto is as bizarre as its location. The original (Continued On Page Two)

Father Notified Son Killed; Says Drop Atomic Bomb

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milton Braswell of Dunn, Route 5 received a telegram late yesterday afternoon advising them that their son, Pfc. Vernon L. Braswell, was killed in action on November 30th in Korea.

The terrible news was delivered to the aged couple by Graham Henry of Henry's Taxi. The local company delivers messages for Western Union.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Braswell are old and feeble, and Mr. Braswell has a heart condition which makes it hard for him to breathe.

voice as he steadied himself, and asked, "You read it to us."

It said simply: "The Secretary of the Army has asked me to express his deep regret that your son, Pfc. Vernon L. Braswell, was killed in action in Korea 21 November, 1950. Confirming letter follows. EDWARD F. WITSELL, Major General, USA, The Adjutant General of the Army."

"WELL, HE'S DEAD"

Both of the old folks broke into tears.

"Well, he's dead," said Mrs. Braswell. "I know that something was wrong," added Mr. Braswell. He said he had sent the son a box of candy and a lot of chewing gum (Continued On Page Two)

Large Crowd Hears Dry Leader Here

Prohibition may well be the deciding factor in the 1956 presidential election, Raymond J. Jeffreys, speaker for the Prohibition National Committee, at the temperance clinic last night.

By arrangement with the Dunn Ministerial Association, the author and lecturer spoke at the Divine Street Methodist Church. He gave a brief review of his newest book, "The Fabulous Dutch Zellers."

As evidence of the dry trend, the speaker said one-third of the nation is already dry, and another eleven or 12 states would vote dry now if voters were given the opportunity.

"The old saloon has been revamped and made respectable," he said, "and it is now a deadlier menace than it ever was before the day of the 18th Amendment."

DEPLORES INCREASE
He deplored increased drinking on the part of women as a result of this new respectability of drinking places.

Blaming the church people largely for present conditions, the speaker said church members do not vote as faithfully as they should, nor do they concern themselves sufficiently with politics.

The worst result of the present methods of handling the liquor trade, the author said, is that this nation has built up the greatest backlog of alcoholism in the history of the world.

Jeffreys said he wrote his book on "Dutch" Zellers, underworld figure of the Ohio Valley who turned temperance (Continued On Page Two)

Yule Pageant Is Scheduled

The young people of the Methodist Church will present a pageant "Christmas Is a Miracle" Sunday evening at seven-thirty o'clock.

The play centers around a deserted church where Uncle Jed, the old caretaker, is still faithful. The birth of the Lord is revealed to a small crippled boy through a miracle.

Mrs. Blanch Barefoot and Mrs. Frank Sprull will direct the pageant and Miss Jean Flemming will have charge of the junior choir.

Following is a list of the characters: Narrator, Polly Pope; Uncle Jed, Claude Pope; Mary, Hilda Sorrell; Golden Angel, Alice Prince; three little angels, Mary Monroe, Mary Mac Hamilton, and Deddie Burrage; Nathan, Everette Turlington; Jehrod, Frank Sprull; the four angels, Sally Whitehead, Emma Lou Summerlin, Joy Lou Edwards, and Jean Sorrell; the three Shepherds, Buzz Pope, Cecil Johnson and Virgil Early; the three wise men, Billy Thompson, Frank Wilson and Red Sandlin; the six candlelighters, Ann Byerly, Nancy Abernathy, Peggy Rura, Barfield, Margaret Calkley, Mary Gibson Whitehead and Renee Byrd.

Miss Patsy Cromartie will sing, "Gesu Bambino". The public is cordially invited to attend.

BULLETINS

LONDON, Dec. 12 — The Chiefs of Staff of the 12 North Atlantic Pact Nations agreed tonight on German participation in a joint Western European Army.

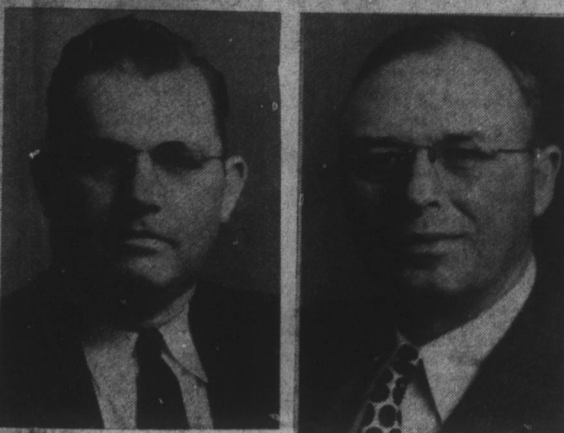
TOKYO, Dec. 13 — Chinese Communist Attacks against United Nations forces in Korea halted Tuesday amid an allied security blackout that prohibited any report on the movements or intention of UN forces.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 — About 2,500 trainmen pulled a surprise work stoppage against Chicago railroad yards today, halting most passenger and freight operating through the nation's biggest rail center.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 13, — Henry Ford, II, today told American Farm Bureau Federation's 32nd convention that American must organize for a long-term production race against international "gangsters" bent on enslaving the world.

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 13 — A Swiss airlines DC-4 plane hit a light pole as it came in for an instrument landing at Sydney airport early today and crashed in a swamp a mile off the runway. Twenty passengers and 11 crew members escaped without injury before the plane burst into flames.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 — The government announced today that Marshall Plan aid to the United Kingdom will be suspended on Jan. 1.



CLASS OFFICERS RENAMED—Mayor Pro-Tem Joe A. Wilkins, left, prominent Dunn business, civic and religious leader, has been re-elected president of the Vanguard Class of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunn, and City Councilman B. A. Bracey, has been renamed vice president. This will be the third term for Mr. Wilkins. Captain I. R. Williams has served for years as teacher of the class and is one of the best known Sunday School teachers in this part of the State. (Daily Record photo.)

Dry Vote Predicted By Visiting Speaker

The nation, as a whole or as separate states, would certainly vote dry today if the people were given the opportunity, Raymond J. Jeffreys, author and lecturer, said yesterday before his appearance at the Methodist Church.

Jeffreys, who reviewed his book, "The Fabulous Dutch Zellers," at the church under the sponsorship of the Dunn Ministerial Association last night, expressed the opinion that the nation is currently experiencing a decided swing to the dry side.

"It all came about, he said, because the liquor interests misrepresented the facts when they were trying to sell the people on letting legalized liquor come back, a few years ago."

SAYS CONTROL COSTLY
Liquor interests sold the voters on the idea of getting a government income from liquor, he said, but now in the states where whiskey is legally sold, control costs from five to 12 times as much as the tax brings into public coffers.

In answer to those who question whether prohibition can be enforced, the author cites the opium trade in China, where, he says, "Opium is causing more havoc than liquor in the nation. Yet, the United States government controls the opium traffic here."

During prohibition days, he admits, the laws were poorly enforced, yet, he thinks, the laws were badly enforced because citizens and officials did not want to enforce the laws.

"The only way to deal with a rattlesnake is to kill it," he said. "You cannot reason with rattlesnakes, nor tame them. And the only way to deal with the menace of alcoholic beverages is to destroy the traffic in them."

In North Carolina, the lecturer said, a recent poll showed that 61 per cent of the voters would vote dry if they were given the opportunity. This is a local manifestation of a movement which is going on all over the country, in his opinion. Although he has always been dry (Continued On Page Two)

Northeast Korea Being Abandoned

Enemy Makes New Attack, Driven Back

Some Of Our Troops Have Retreated More Than 200 Miles

BY UNITED PRESS
American 3rd Division elements guarding the perimeter of the Hamhung-Hungnam evacuation beachhead beat off the Chinese attack and chased the survivors away in a small-scale counter-attack today.

The enemy attack was the first since the 10th Corps began its evacuation of the last allied foothold in Northeast Korea Monday. The Chinese in platoon to company strength charged the American line with hand grenades.

WEARING U. S. UNIFORMS
All the Chinese appeared to be dressed in American winter uniforms, including American helmets. A dispatch from 10th Corps headquarters said at least one prisoner captured was from a new Chinese division—the 81st, hitherto not reported among the 100,000 Chinese troops on the northeast front.

From now on, it will be a race to get troops and equipment off the docks and approaches to Hungnam harbor before the Chinese close in.

News Held Up Until Today For Security

Both Sides Reported Regrouping For Test Of Strength

By EARNST HOBEBRECHT
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TOKYO, Dec. 13 (UP)—The United Nations have begun evacuating by sea all 60,000 allied troops in northeast Korea.

Grimy, cold and disgusted, battle-weary men of the U. S. 1st Marine, 3rd and 7th Divisions and South Korean Capital and 3rd Divisions are shuffling slowly up the gangways of evacuation ships in Hungnam harbor.

They are abandoning all Northeast Korea to the advancing Chinese Communists, presumably to resume the battle below the 38th parallel.

Some units had retreated 180 miles to reach Hungnam. The U. S. 7th Division pulled back all the way from the Yalu River Manchurian frontier and the South Korean Capital Division, from within 40 miles of the Soviet Siberian border.

The first transport heavily laden with troops and equipment pulled out of Hungnam Monday. Before that, one South Korean regiment was evacuated by sea from Changjin, 170 miles to the northeast, and other allied units from Wonsan, 47 miles to the south. Both those ports have been abandoned.

American rear guards held the rim of the allied beachhead around Hungnam and its twin industrial city, Hamhung, five miles to the north, as the evacuation of the last allied northeast port got under way.

NO INTERFERENCE
But strangely enough, Chinese Reds who fought fanatically but in vain last week to prevent the escape of 20,000 U. S. Marines and infantrymen encircled near the Chosin Reservoir, 45 miles north of Hungnam, made no attempt to interfere with the evacuation.

Swarms of fighters and bombers from American carriers off Hungnam zoomed over the enemy lines, but found few targets. U. S. warships had their big guns ready to fire if needed.

It was a far cry from the famed British evacuation of Dunkerque on the French coast in World War II. Then 330,000 troops waded out from the beaches and escaped aboard hundreds of crafts from fishing smacks to destroyers under furious air and ground attack from the Germans. Today, the United Nations troops were marching aboard transports at docks, unmolested by the enemy.

HIDING TIME
The Chinese Communists also were hiding their time on the 38th Army's front above Seoul in western Korea. Both sides appeared to be bringing up supplies and regrouping for a coming test of strength.

It was believed at least some of the 60,000 10th Corps troops being evacuated from northeast Korea

State News Briefs

LOUISBURG, N. C., Dec. 13 (UP)—Coroner William O'Neal sought today to solve the mystery of an extra body found after a fire killed two men in a one-room Franklin County shack early yesterday.

Survivor Henry Tant said he and two other men were sleeping in the shanty when it caught fire—but investigators found two bodies and the skeletal remains of a third.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13 (UP)—State Treasurer Brandon Hodges reported today the sale of \$5,984,000 worth of state sinking fund bonds for \$8,052,882.10.

The bonds were brought by a New York syndicate headed by Kidder, Peabody and Co. Hodges said the syndicate would net about 1.48 per cent interest on the sale.

NAGS HEAD, N. C., Dec. 13 (UP)—The flight of time will be symbolized by the flight of men over this birthplace of the modern air age Sunday.

Modern Military planes will soar over the Wright Memorial on top of Killdeer Hill, where Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first successful heavier-than-air flight 47 years ago.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 13 (UP)—The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina selected Raleigh as its permanent headquarters yesterday and named Dr. Harold Dudley of Wilson as Synod secretary.

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 13 (UP)—City Manager R. W. Fink was under instructions from the city council today to conduct a full investigation of the city police department, which has five officers under suspension and last week restored two to duty.

TARBORO, N. C., Dec. 13 (UP)—Hart Cotton Mills superintendent Fred Fowler admitted today that he barred union officials from an open house program staged at the scene of last year's long textile workers strike.

MRS THORNTON DIES

Mrs. Laura Thornton, wife of J. F. Thornton of Four Oaks, died at Dunn Hospital last night.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete as this issue of the Record went to press.

BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit was issued yesterday to W. H. Warren and E. O. Stewart for the construction of a new one-story dwelling on South Washington Ave., near Morris building inspector, revealed today.

Changes Here Are Proposed

Several Changes In Dunn Government Will Be Discussed

Plans for several changes in Dunn's city government and elections set-ups will be discussed tonight when the Law and Public Safety Committee of the City Council meets with Harnett's delegation to the 1951 General Assembly, City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs said today.

Chief topics to be discussed, according to Hobbs, are the establishing of up to four precinct polling places, a new registration of voters, "staggered terms" for City Councilmen and the formation of a township board of elections.

Present for the meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p. m. at the Cotton Dale Hotel, will be Senator J. Robert Young of Dunn and Representative Carson Gregory of Angier.

REPRESENT DUNN
Sitting in for Dunn will be Chairman L. L. Coats and Joe Wilkins (Continued On Page Two)

BULLETIN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP)—President Truman will make a broadcast address at 10:30 P. M. EST Friday on the Nation's Defense Mobilization Program. He will speak from his office. The speech is expected to run 30 minutes or less.

Record Staff Writer Gets Leave To Serve In Governor's Office

A member of The Daily Record editorial staff, Miss Lela Byrd of Lillington, has been given a leave of absence to work in the office of Governor W. Kerr Scott until after the coming session of the General Assembly.

The Record withheld the announcement until after Miss Byrd's appointment was announced by Governor's office in Raleigh.

Miss Byrd is one of the most known newspaperwomen in North Carolina. During her career she has been a member of the Associated Press and the first girl reporter at The News and Observer in Raleigh.

She has been a member of the National Press Women's Association and the North Carolina Press Women's Association. She has also been a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.