

U. S. Set To Curb Walkouts

F. D. R. Calls Special White House Parleys As Strife Spreads

DEFENSE PLANTS HIT Millions Of Dollars Worth Of Vital Plane, Tank Parts Held Up

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—A by-partisan group of congressmen, meeting with President Roosevelt and Labor and Justice department executives, reached a consensus tonight that labor legislation should be taken up promptly, that it should provide for a cooling-off period and that the chief executive should have the power to inaugurate compulsory arbitration if necessary.

Those points were enunciated by House Majority Leader McCormack (D.-Mass.) who talked with reporters in the White House lobby after the two and a quarter-hour conference.

The legislation would apply only to strikes against defense and only for the period of the emergency. "It was pretty generally agreed," McCormack said, "that labor legislation would be taken up by the House after the price control bill."

Likewise, the Democratic leader asserted, it was the general view that there should be "a period of reason or a period of sanity, a waiting period called-for by law."

Furthermore, he added, it was agreed that "the President should have the power, in the final analysis, to order arbitration."

He intimated that there had also been some talk of holding secret ballots before strikes could be called.

To a question whether the President appeared to be disturbed about the whole problem of strikes

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CORVETTES SINK GERMAN U-BOAT

Tiny Patrol Craft Credited With Successful Attack Off Newfoundland

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—(AP)—A German U-boat was sunk recently in the North Atlantic by two Canadian corvettes, the Navy ministry announced tonight.

The sinking was credited to the corvettes Chamby and Moosejaw. These small, auxiliary vessels are designed chiefly for operations close to shore, but some are capable of wide range.

On Nov. 5, MacDonald said German submarines were operating off the coast of Newfoundland, within sight of the shore.

At that time he said, two U-boats had been attacked—one by a corvette and the other by a plane—in October off the northern tip of Newfoundland and that one possibly was sunk.

50 West Point Cadets Suffer 'Stomach-Ache'

WEST POINT, N. Y., Nov. 24.—(AP)—About 50 of the 1,900-man Cadet Corps at the U. S. Military Academy were hospitalized with gastro-intestinal upsets over the weekend, authorities said today.

An Academic spokesman said the illnesses might have resulted from Thanksgiving dinners. All those stricken were back in classes today.

STATE BANKS GAIN

RALEIGH, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Reserves of state commercial banks in North Carolina increase \$157,380, \$147 between June 29, 1940, and Sept. 24, State Banking Commissioner Gurney P. Hood reported today.

Are You Listenin'?

Don't forget to tune in every day except Sunday for the twice-daily local news broadcasts by your Wilmington Star and News through the facilities of Station WMD, 1400 kilocycles. All the interesting bits of city and county news are brought into your homes twice each day at 1:40 and 6:55 p. m. through the medium of these broadcasts. And, you'll find the complete details in your Morning Star and Evening News.



YMCA MODERNIZATION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED Meeting for the "kickoff" dinner Monday night in the gymnasium of the YMCA, captains and campaign workers of the current modernization funds drive heard leaders stress the great need for improvement of the long-outmoded building here. Left to right, rear: J. S. Johnston, Louie E. Woodbury, Bruce Cameron (standing), Harriss Newman, chief speaker of the evening; E. B. Speer, campaign director. Foreground, left to right: J. C. Williams, T. F. Darden and J. B. Huntington (backs to camera) and Cy Van Leuven (right-hand corner).—Staff Photo.

200 SOLICITORS START 'Y' DRIVE

Harriss Newman Outlines Importance Of Program At 'Kickoff' Meet

More than 200 enthusiastic citizens of Wilmington met in the YMCA building Monday night to hear Harriss Newman, attorney, officially begin the campaign to raise \$70,000 with which to renovate and rehabilitate the local YMCA.

"I want you to unfurl your banners, go out with a steady step, eyes forward and meet this challenge. I know you will not fail," Newman said to the cheers of those present.

Newman pointed out the various ways in which the YMCA had influenced his life and the way in which it will continue to influence the lives of young men in Wilmington.

He talked of the ways in which amusements of today had changed from those of several years ago and stated that if the YMCA is to remain dominant in the lives of the young men of the community, it must be "streamlined" to meet the challenge of a modern world.

In discussing the campaign, he pointed out that those going out

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ENGLEHARD MAN STRICKEN HERE

Victim Tentatively Identified As Dr. O. A. Gatling; Collapses In Street

A man tentatively identified as Dr. Oscar A. Gatling, of Englehard, N. C., died here Monday evening after being stricken near Third and Chestnut sts.

The man, described as about 58 years old, was reported to police as having been stricken while passing the MacMillan and Cameron Service station. Employees of that concern, noticing the man apparently seriously ill, summoned police.

Patrolman Teague and Hales rushed him to the hospital, but physicians reported he was dead on arrival.

Coroner Asa W. Allen investigated and reported the death due to natural causes.

Police said identification was made by a letter found in the pockets.

At a late hour Coroner Allen had been unable to contact relatives of Dr. Gatling in Englehard.

Two Negroes Facing Trial In Murder, Manslaughter

Two negro men, one charged with murder and the other with manslaughter, were held for trial at the next term of criminal Superior court.

They were: James Dunn, indicted for the murder of Willie Munn, negro, Oct. 23. He was arrested in Roland, S. C.

Fred Williams, indicted for the hit-and-run death of Ell C. Clewis, white man, Sept. 13. He was extradited from the state of New York and returned here Monday.

BURNS COSTLY PAINTINGS NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—For burning three costly paintings of her employer, Marie Hauser, 55-year old domestic, received a suspended sentence and was placed indefinitely on probation today.

Moscow Army Now In 'Critical' Battle

Fate Of Prized Capital Admittedly At Stake; Reds Take Offensive At Ends Of 'Arc'

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The Red army was fighting one of the most critical battles of its history tonight against the onrush of massed Nazi tanks and men which battered at Moscow's second lines of defense and pierced within 50 miles of the capital.

The fate of Moscow admittedly was at stake. Russians described the danger as the greatest in the five months of war.

In a desperate attempt to ease the pressure on the central front they reported seizing the initiative at the northern and southern flanks with what they declared was their greatest counter-offensive.

Northwest of the Don river port of Rostov, military dispatches said 7,000 dead were piled along a 70-mile battlefront where the Germans had been shoved back as much as 37 miles.

Rostov (which the German high command declared last Saturday was in axis hands) was described as the scene of continuing street fighting as its garrison held key points against strong tank attacks.

Russian war reports said that southeast of Leningrad the rail

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7 MORE COUNTRIES IN ANTI-RED BLOC

'Great Diplomatic Triumph' Hailed By Berlin On Eve Of Parley

BERLIN, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Seven more governments, either active Axis allies or occupied by Axis troops, tomorrow will join the six-power anti-comintern pact aimed

against "all destructive powers which directly or indirectly support Bolshevism."

This phrase was taken by observers as a reference to the United States and Britain, because of their support of the Soviet armies fighting an Axis invasion.

Authorized Germans said the new signers are to be Finland, Croatia, Rumania and Slovakia, which have contributed manpower in the battle against Russia; oc-

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Wilmington Digging In As Winter Swoops Down

Wintry blasts paid another visit to Wilmington Monday night with overcoats and blankets much in evidence as the mercury dropped slowly.

At 7:30 p. m., the Weather Bureau reported the temperature had dropped to 47 degrees. The bureau, at that hour, stood on its earlier forecast of 35 degrees by early morning.

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WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday, continued rather cool Tuesday followed by rising temperature Wednesday.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 63; 7:30 a. m. 60; 1:30 p. m. 51; 7:30 p. m. 47; maximum 69; minimum 46; mean 58; normal 54. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 85; 1:30 p. m. 72; 7:30 p. m. 68. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.31 inches. Tides For Today: (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): Wilmington High 2:40a. 8:57a. 3:11p. 10:29p. Low 8:11a. 2:41a. 8:46a. 3:17p. Masonboro Inlet 1:17p. 7:32p. Sunrise 6:54a.; sunset 5:04p.; moonrise 12:39p. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., Nov. 24, 8.85 feet. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6)

U. S. Consulate Wrecked At Saigon By Bomb To Peril Peace In Orient; Savage Tank-Battle Rages In Libya

BRITISH COLUMNS CAPTURE GAMBUT IN DESERT DRIVE

Right Wing Of English Army Locked In Decisive Struggle

AXIS ARMY ENCIRCLED

Important German Supply Center Falls To New Zealanders

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The British right wing was locked in a decisive battle tonight with Axis forces in a 1,600 square-mile area, claiming the capture of the important Axis supply center of Gambut in the course of that terrible struggle, while far to the south the Imperial 'left' was racing westward in a vast arc apparently intended to cut off all northern Libya.

The latter column, loosed originally from Giarabub, was acknowledged by the axis to have driven forward some 200 miles, capturing an Italian garrison north of Gialo oasis, and appeared to be meeting little opposition in a grand maneuver of encirclement headed for the Gulf of Sirte to cut the coastal route of exit to western Libya.

The master plan, it appeared, (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

JAMES SURVIVORS REACH BROOKLYN

Navy Reports Final Check Shows 100 Officers And Men Lost; 45 Saved

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Survivors of the sunken American destroyer Reuben James arrived at the Army base in South Brooklyn today on a U. S. naval transport.

The Reuben James was torpedoed west of Iceland last Oct. 30.

CASUALTY LIST 100

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The Navy reported today that a final check of personnel records showed that 100 officers and men met death in the torpedo-sinking of the Reuben James.

Forty-five were rescued. Victor F. Krystynak, a crew-member originally listed as lost, was found to have been not aboard when the destroyer was torpedoed.

Anibal Rios Declares He's To Be President Of Panama, 'Regardless'

CALI, Colombia, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Anibal Rios, third vice-president of Panama in the overthrown government of Dr. Arnulfo Arias, claimed tonight he was the rightful and constitutional president of the republic, and "come what may, I am going to serve."

Rios, a former minister of education and agriculture, based his claim to the presidency on the ground that the first two vice-presidents, Jose Pezet and Ernesto Jaen Guardia, waived their claims to the office after the coup which deposed Arias, now exiled in Mexico.

PANAMA, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The government of President Ricardo Adolfo de la Guardia announced today that it had arrested 11 friends of Anibal Rios "after having proved that they were preparing to undertake a subversive movement."

Panama's relations with the United States appeared unaffected.

United States Troops Sent To Dutch Guiana's Vital Bauxite

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The United States today announced despatch of American troops to Dutch Guiana to guard vital bauxite mines against the Axis, and Senator Connally (D.-Tex.) predicted that this country soon may take over French Guiana and the French island of Martinique.

"I approve the action of the President in taking steps to protect the security of our basic war materials," said the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee. "I think we shall have to take over Martinique (in the Caribbean) and French Guiana if Vichy continues to succumb to Nazi influence."

Dutch Guiana, which is on the northeast coast of South America, lies next door to French Guiana. The Nazis, according to reports in diplomatic circles, have been active in the latter colony, and it was believed the United States was sending the troops to Dutch Guiana



LITTLE BOY—BIG GOOSE Little Davis Wilke, 3, who weighs 30 pounds, is grooming a giant Toulouse goose, which weighs 43 pounds. The goose is to be exhibited at the Great Western Livestock show in Los Angeles.—Central Press Photo.

About-Face On Ditch Draws McRae Protest

Developer Denies Drainage Plan Favors Private Individuals; Hearing Set

The Oleander sewer-drainage ditch controversy bounced back into the lap of the New Hanover county board of commissioners Monday afternoon when Hugh MacRae, developer, appeared and protested action rescinding authority to dig the ditch with convict-labor.

Mr. MacRae urged that the matter be reconsidered, whereupon the board agreed to hear his attorney, George Schiller, present the case anew, next Monday afternoon.

At times the discussions for and against the ditch waxed warm as Mr. MacRae singled out Commissioner Louis Coleman "as being responsible for the board reversing itself."

He denied that the proposed ditch was in the interest of private individuals or concern, but for the good of the public.

Commissioner Coleman, replying, contended that the county legally could not dig the ditch, adding that County Attorney Marsden Bellamy upheld him in that view.

Citing the work his concern has done in the last several years in developing New Hanover county, Mr. MacRae said he failed to see why "I should be singled out for discrimination by the board."

Chairman Addison Hewlett, sr., assured Mr. MacRae that there was no discrimination on the part (Continued on Page Five; Col. 2)

Stassen Says Lindbergh Will Make Senate

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Gov. Harold Stassen today said that Charles Lindbergh would run for the States Senate from Louisiana in 1942.

Stassen predicted that Joe Ballou, writer of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, whom he appointed, "will bergh."

COMMUNIST LONDON

Exchange of views was heard the night that Communist Party of France had

MYSTERY BLAST RAISES TENSION OVER FAR EAST

Personnel And Archives Reported Safe As Clues Sought In Attack

YANGTZE PATROL CUT

Navy Officials Silent As Reduction Made In River Forces

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—A mysterious bomb explosion which wrecked the American consulate at Saigon, French Indo-China, added today to the tension arising from Far Eastern developments.

There was no clue to the perpetrators of the bombing. Although the United States has looked askance at Japanese infiltration into Indo-China, there was nothing to indicate whether the bombing was the work of Japanese extremists.

A preliminary investigation indicated that the bomb was placed on a floor just outside the consulate office, where it exploded last night. A report from Consul Sidney H. Browne said there was no injury to personnel or to the official archives, but that inner walls and other parts of the consulate were blown down and much furniture damaged.

Saigon police took charge of the investigation.

Browne comes from Short Hills, N. J. members of his staff are vice consul Kingsley W. Hamilton, Wooster, Ohio; and Miss Carolyn C. Jacobs, Richmond, Mo., a clerk.

In another development bearing on Far Eastern affairs, the Navy said today that its Yangtze river patrol in China had been ordered "reduced but not withdrawn."

Officials withheld any explanation or details.

The Yangtze patrol of shallow draft river vessels and the small south China patrol at one time (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

ARMY 'MINING' CITY BRIDGES

'Attack' On Vital Supply Depot For First Army Expected Soon

It was reported Monday that members of the 96th Field Artillery from Camp Davis are "mining" bridges near the city as a move in the protection of the Quartermaster depot here.

However, members of the Quartermaster Corps staff stated that the bridges leading into the depot already had been mined.

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EMPTY STOCKS DRIVE LA

Funds To A Christmas Child

Empty stock markets drove the price of Christmas gifts down today.

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