

NORTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy and continued warm today, with widely scattered thundershowers this afternoon and evening. Temperatures yesterday: High: 84—Low: 70.

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## House Almost Kills FEPC; Voting Close

MARGIN ONLY 4 VOTES

Controversial Committee Is Kept In Existence Despite Enemies

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) — A four-vote margin saved one of President Roosevelt's most controversial agencies, the Fair Employment Practices Committee, tonight as the House passed the \$1,033,358,367 war agencies appropriation bill.

Less than an hour before a roll-call vote of 47 to 58 sent to the Senate the omnibus measure financing almost a score of home front war agencies for the year starting July 1, the House tentatively had refused to include in the bill a \$500,000 fund for FEPC and then reversed itself to restore the item.

FEPC was set up by the President with instructions to assist in ending job discrimination because of race, color, or creed.

The original action, in committee of the whole where record votes are not possible, came on a motion for an amendment to eliminate the fund, the teller vote being 141 to 103 with a large bloc of Republicans joining a solid southern delegation in opposition to the FEPC.

In the House proper, however, the amendment was defeated by a 13 to 119 teller vote after Representative Marcantonio (AMN, Lab-N.Y.) had failed to force a record vote. Marcantonio, one of the leaders in the fight to save the FEPC.

Aside from the FEPC fight, only two other amendments were offered and both were voted down. One, by Representative Dworshak (R., Idaho), would have cut \$5,500,000 from the \$50,625,367 OWI fund. The other, by Representative Keefe (R., Wis.), would have trimmed \$660,700 from the War Labor Board's allotment.

## Miller Tells Jury Of Shooting Lind

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) — Then I reached into my pocket, pulled out the gun and shot him.

With those words, Robert I Miller told a district court jury trying him for his life today that he killed Dr. John E. Lind, 57, on the spur of the moment last February and because "I thought he was reaching for a gun."

Sobbing at times, the 67-year-old police court lawyer told of discovering an intimate relationship between his 42-year-old wife and Dr. Lind, of attempting vainly to break it up, and finally of the shooting.

## Police Seek Thief After Hotel Robbery

Police continued search last night for an unidentified white man who early yesterday morning held up and robbed S. E. Sellers, night clerk of the Brunswick hotel, O. F. Smith, a guest, and Stevens Washington, the hotel bell boy.

\$47 from Smith and a watch, employed after taking \$377 from Sellers, Washington, the robber was reportedly and cigarette case from Sellers to have tied all three in a room of the hotel and then made his escape.

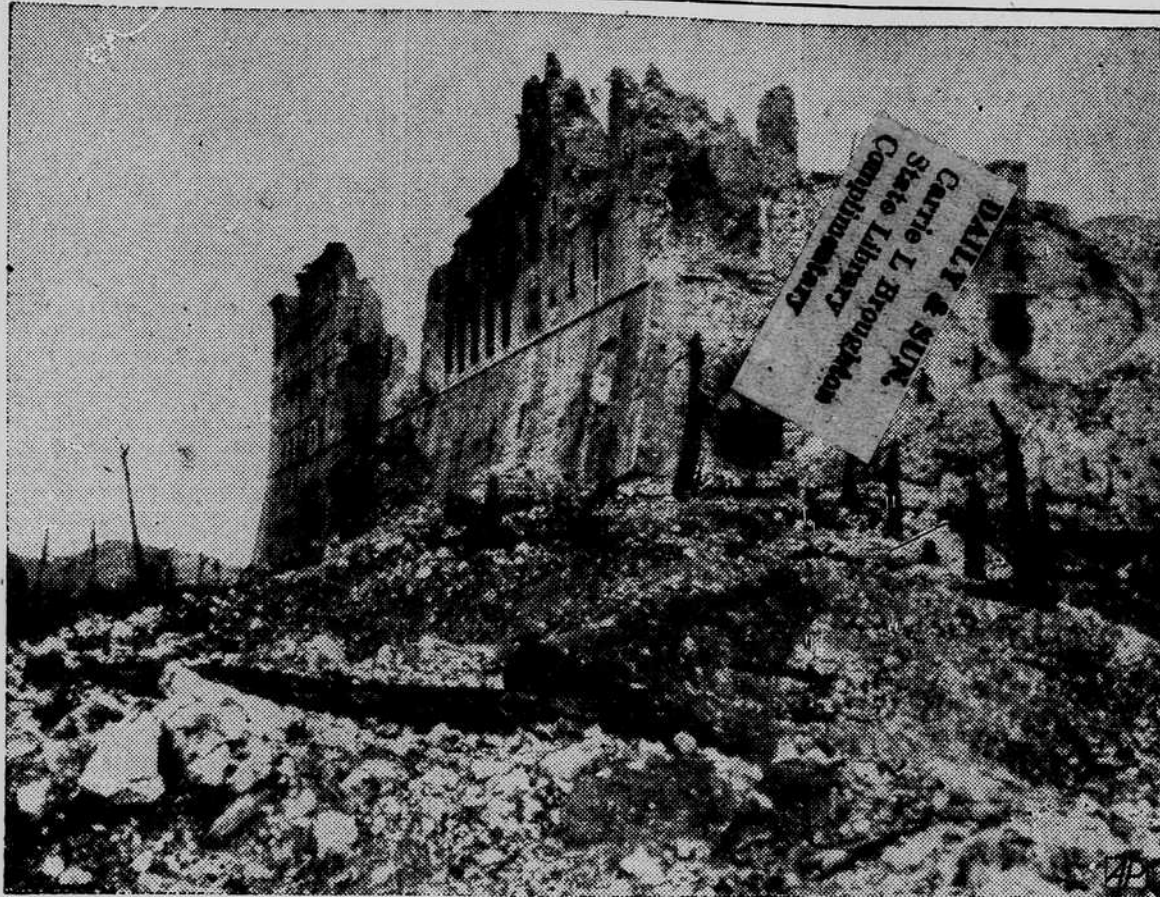
## Hospital Situation Remains Unchanged

No new overtures have been made by either side in the controversy between local nurses and the James Walker Memorial hospital medical staff and board of managers, and the situation last night remained unsettled. There has been no indication that a further meeting of the three groups involved will be held in the near future.

## Program Announced For USO Week-End

The week-end program of the USO at Third and Grace streets is as follows: Saturday, 7 p. m., "Guadalcanal Diary," movie; 8:30 p. m., porch dance; Sunday, 8:30 p. m., coffee and doughnuts; 5 p. m., tea and concert by Mrs. W. S. Young, cellist, accompanied by Mrs. A. T. Bathy at the piano; 5:30 p. m., snack supper. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Famed Benedictine Monastery In Cassino Now In Ruins



An Allied soldier picks his way through the ruined remains of the famous Benedictine monastery which overlooked Cassino, Italy, after the town and abbey was wrested from the defending Germans May 18. The Nazis had fortified the structure, despite pleas from many sources that the place be spared. (AP wirephoto via Signal Corps Radio.)

## Rocking Chair Deal Factor In State Gubernatorial Race

### CHARGES HURLED IN 3 DIRECTIONS

RALEIGH, May 26.—(AP) —The operation of the State Alcoholic Board of Control emerged today as the hottest issue of the Democratic gubernatorial race as more than 300,000 voters awaited the opening of the polls at 6:30 a. m., tomorrow to register their choices for offices ranging from the state's highest to township constables.

Candidate Ralph W. McDonald, w. B. Umstead, manager of R. Gregg Cherry's campaign, and Governor Broughton issued statements involving the purchase by the state of 175,000 cases of Rocking Chair whiskey, which was turned over to the 5 wet counties for retail.

Governor Broughton, upon his return to Raleigh last night, issued a statement describing as "utterly without foundation and wholly unworthy" assertions made by McDonald Monday night in which the candidate asked these questions: "How much money was involved; what would have been the ordinary commission for the salesman making the deal? Who got the commission in this instance? Is all or part of this money being used in this campaign?"

McDonald replied this morning with the assertion that the governor's statement was but a confirmation of "every statement I made about the rocking chair deal."

Then Governor Broughton and Umstead answered.

The governor, saying he had nothing to add to his previous statement "which contains the true facts of the transaction, asserted: "The attempted distortion or misstatement of these facts by Dr. McDonald would not deceive the people of North Carolina. The decision rests with them."

Umstead said: "I emphatically deny that Gregg Cherry is the candidate of the liquor forces as alleged."

In still another statement issued tonight, E. D. Broadhurst, McDonald's manager, charged that the head of the state liquor board (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

## Lyon Railyards Hit; Bad Weather Interrupts Big Aerial Offensive

LONDON, May 26.—(AP) —Between 500 and 750 Italy-based American heavy bombers blasted railyards at Lyon, tunnel Point for Nazi defenses in southern France, for the second time in two days today, and ripped other rail installations in the south of France, bringing a furious aerial offensive against Fortress Europe into its eighth straight day.

The weather halted the heavy offensive from Britain after a devastating week in which more than 32,000 Allied aircraft battered pre-1935 invasion targets with some 35,000 tons of bombers.

## Reds Bomb Troopships Off Norway

LONDON, Saturday, May 27.—(AP) —The Russians reported early today that bombers of the Red fleet air force had attacked German troopships in the Barents sea, north of Norway, early Friday morning, sinking two transports and a destroyer and damaging three others.

The Soviet announcement in a midnight war bulletin did not specify whether the transports were carrying new German forces to Norway or withdrawing troops already there.

Earlier the Germans, in a communication, had reported the attack on their convoy and claimed to have shot down 69 of 80 attacking planes. The Russian bulletin said only seven bombers were lost in repeated "mass attacks with bombs, gunfire and torpedoes."

This was the first time in months any large scale German troop convoys have been reported in Arctic waters.

## UNC HEAD ASKED FOR FULL TIME

RALEIGH, May 26.—(AP) —The board of trustees of the Greater University of North Carolina, meeting here today, heard a report from its visiting committee recommending that Dr. Frank P. Graham, president, devote his full time to the university.

Graham is a member of the War Labor Board and recently had been devoting two-thirds of his time to work of that board. The remainder of his time has been devoted to university administrative duties.

In making the recommendation, the visiting committee, headed by Victor Bryant, of Durham, said that the administration of the university "is confused as to authority and that the complicated administrative system of the consolidated university makes it necessary that the president give his full time to his duties here."

The report further said that opinion among faculty members at Carolina was unanimous in favor of a full-time president. The time for policy-making at the university, with reference to the postwar era, has arrived," it said.

"The faculty believes that the president's absence part of the time has retarded unduly and inevitably the administration of affairs," and that "the work of the faculty lacks cohesion and direction," the report went on.

Dr. Graham told the board that the chairman of the War Labor Board had asked him to "keep on my present schedule of one-third of my time in North Carolina and two-thirds in Washington, and then to try for a while a schedule calling for two weeks with the university and two weeks with the WLB."

## Monetary Conference Called By President

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) —President Roosevelt sent out a call today for a conference of the United and associated nations on postwar money problems starting July 1.

He invited 42 governments, including the French Committee of Liberation, to send representatives to Bretton Woods, N. H., for consideration of proposals which include:

1. An international monetary plan, revolving around an \$8,000,000,000 gold-based stabilization fund, providing for a value in gold for each nation's currency and restricting fluctuations of any country's market transactions in money of other countries.
2. A \$10,000,000,000 international bank for reconstruction and development—a sort of world RFC.

## Sheriff To Question Victim Of Accident

Questioning of Hulan Donald Huffman, only survivor of the hit-run accident in Atkinson this week, will be undertaken by Sheriff J. A. Brown of Burgaw, Monday as the youth regained consciousness at James Walker Memorial hospital and his condition is greatly improved, the sheriff announced last night.

## FDR Indicates Invasion Due This Summer

CALLS IT 'LIBERATION'

President Drops Hint On Coming Attack At Conference

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) — President Roosevelt dropped a hint today that the Allied offensive against Europe is not far off, saying the actions coming off this summer ought to be called the liberation rather than the invasion of Europe.

In a news conference, Mr. Roosevelt also said he hoped to have another conference with Prime Minister Churchill but was indefinite as to the time.

Asked if he expected to see the British leader this summer, he said in the summer, the fall or the late spring.

"Why not winter?" a reporter asked.

He didn't like to travel, particularly on the Atlantic, in the winter, Mr. Roosevelt replied.

It was not developed whether Mr. Roosevelt, by saying late spring, meant this year or next year—which would be after the inauguration of the president elected next fall.

Rough Draft Ready

In a discussion of post-war planning, Mr. Roosevelt said ideas for a post-war plan for over-all security have been reduced to a rough draft and, in response to a question, that he was finding Russia a satisfactory and cooperative collaborator.

The whole discussion began with a reference to a recent editorial in the Washington Post.

Calling invasion "a common or garden episode in warfare," the editorial said the assault upon Hitler's Europe was far more than that.

"It's liberation," it added. That is what we hear. Let us then call this invasion the liberation—the end and not the means, the civilizing purpose and not the military mission, the war aim and not the battle operation."

Mr. Roosevelt said he heartily agreed.

More Than Warfare

He went on to speak of liberation as more than the military operation and recalled reading recently that it was late in the summer of 1918 before this country began a study of post-war problems.

"This time, he said, we are taking up the problems and making specific recommendations or plans. There was the international food conference last year, the recent international labor office conference, and he has called a monetary conference for July.

In other words, he remarked, we are making far greater progress in this war than we did in the last.

## ABC Stores Closed Because Of Primary

ABC Stores in Wilmington and New Hanover County will be closed today by order of the State ABC board because of the state-wide primary.

## C. W. Churchill, Local Director of the Federal Works Agency, Announced Here Yesterday That the Maffit Village Schools Have Been Completed and Will Be Turned Over to the Board of Education Early Next Week.

The two schools, one for white and one for negro children, with a total valuation of \$105,000, will be leased to the board rent free under an agreement whereby the board will operate and maintain the added enrollment occasioned

## ALLIED ARMIES GAINING ON ALL ITALIAN FRONTS AS BATTLE INTENSIFIES

Lieutenant Sentenced To Hang



An army court-martial at Camp Anza, Calif., yesterday convicted Lt. Beaufort G. Swancutt, shown above in wheel chair, on a charge of murdering his sweetheart and three other persons in a shooting affray there last March 5 and recommended that he be hanged. Under guard, he is pictured as he sits in court. He was wounded during the melee by police bullets.

## Roosevelt Scored For Plant Seizure

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) —Every government agency concerned with the Montgomery Ward case was taken sharply to task today in a Senate judiciary subcommittee report which held that President Roosevelt had "no constitutional or statutory authority" to order seizure of the company's Chicago plant.

The report, which attributed "erroneous, misleading, irrelevant and immaterial statements and allegations" to Attorney General Francis Biddle, was assailed by the latter in turn as containing "absurd conclusions."

Biddle, target of the subcommittee's severest criticism, declared he had been denied an opportunity to appear before the group and likened its investigation to "star chamber methods."

The subcommittee, which split two to one on its findings, said the attorney general "was misled" when he ruled that the President was empowered under the War Labor Disputes act to seize the plant.

The committee majority, Chairman McCarran (D-Nev.) and Senator Revercomb (R-W. a.), said Biddle was "in error when he stated that the President is in possession of an 'Aggregate of powers' which are derived from the constitution and from various statutes enacted by Congress which would empower him to take possession of the Chicago facilities of Montgomery Ward and Co."

Senator McFarland (D-Ariz.) the dissenting member, said the subcommittee had "denied the interested parties an opportunity to be heard" and had based its report on documentary evidence and on the "hearsay" conclusions of investigators.

## Eisenhower Completes Tour Of Armed Forces

LONDON, May 26.—(AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, whose word will hurl the full might of an Allied invasion upon the Nazi-bound continent, returned to supreme headquarters today after a swift inspection tour of British land forces under his overall command, well pleased with the thorough training of this army Britain has assembled to bring vengeance for the Dunkergue of four years ago.

## FWA Gives County Two Schools

by the influx of war workers to this area.

All equipment for the buildings has been received except 123 chairs, Mr. Churchill said, and they are expected to arrive early next week.

## CORI STRONGHOLD SEIZED BY YANKS

Nine New Towns Taken, Six Heights Seized In Great Drive

A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS Naples, May 26.—(AP) —Veteran American tank and infantry forces smashed six miles beyond newly-captured Cisterna today and seized the enemy mountain stronghold of Cori and a companion drive to northwest closed on Velletri stronghold of the Nazis; other Allied armies swept ahead on all fronts headquarters announcing capture of a total of nine towns and half a dozen important heights.

Velletri was being pounded by massed artillery and its fate appeared to be sealed, Associated Press Correspondent Daniel De Luce reported from the front to night, and as the Allies fought up the Appian Way there came word from within Rome itself that the approaching battle already could be seen from there.

The plunge to Cori carried the beachhead forces nearly halfway from Cisterna to the Via Cassina, escape highway for tens of thousands of German troops hastily falling back toward Rome from the shattered Hitler line in the Liri valley and adjacent mountains. The imperiled enemy forces represented the bulk of the German 10th army.

Nazis Aware of Danger

There was evidence the Nazis were aware of the danger and were withdrawing with all speed toward their new defense line. Today they abandoned lofty Monte Cairo, towering height just north of Cassino, and the town of Roccaseca, eight miles further west. San Giovanni, at the southern edge of the Liri valley and four miles from the Via Cassina, also was evacuated in the retreat. San Giovanni had been the scene of extremely bitter fighting in recent days.

Capture of Cori by the Americans brought under control a mountain mass from which German long-range guns battered the beachhead for nearly four months. The town is only nine miles from where the Via Cassina intersects the new German defense line at Valmontone.

Already the war was within sight of Rome. The German radio reported that the flash of nuclear guns could be seen at night from the housetops of the Eternal City.

(A Swift Telegram Agency dispatch said the sound of cannon could be heard "clearly" in Rome and added that "Romans are quite conscious that the battle is approaching Rome.")

Planes Blast Troops

Swarms of Allied fighter-bombers continued their relentless attacks on German road and rail transport in the battle zone, derailing several trains, destroying more than 400 vehicles and damaging 300 others today. This brought the total of enemy vehicles destroyed or damaged by air attack in the past three days to 2,500. As a result of these blows the Nazis were being forced to abandon much equipment.

An air force spokesman said the Germans had been rushing reinforcements from north of Rome into their new defense line for two days, but declared highway conditions were "chaotic" on both sides of the Italian capital.

The count of German prisoners taken in the 15-day-old offensive passed the 12,000 mark and was growing rapidly during the enemy withdrawal.

## New 'Super Cabinet' Of Big 3 Considered

LONDON, May 26.—(AP) —Formation of a tri-power "super cabinet" to deal with the international diplomatic problems of Britain, Russia and its likely membership create, before victory, an inter-national organization to keep the peace, according to information gleaned from high officials today. Just how far the idea has developed remains uncertain, but its necessity has been urged for some time and it is likely membership would be on a high level—men of such position as Ambassador John G. Winant, of the United States, Lord Halifax, of Britain and Maxim Litvinov, of Russia.

# Be Sure To Cast Ballot In State-Wide Democratic Primary Today