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FORECAST

Cloudy today with occasional light rain; gentle to moderate winds. Little change in temperature,

Yesterday's temperatures: High, 53-Low, 32.

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## First Army Opens Long-Awaited Counterblow; Land, Sea Places Hit Formosa, Ryukyus, Luzon; 79th Congress Convenes In Somber Atmosphere

Rayburn Asks Cherry, Ballentine FDRApproves New Landings For Unity In To Take Oath Today Induction Of Are Made On Finishing War

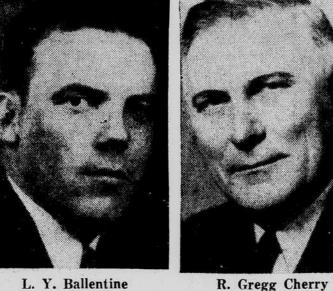
## Members Urged To Work For Lasting Peace In World

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.-(UP)-The 79th Congress, fated to deal with vast problems of war and peace, convened today in a somber mood keynoted by House Speaker Sam Rayburn, (D.-Tex.) who appealed for wartime unity and American participation in an international peace organization backed by "all the force necessary to bring about an ordered world."

Ravburn, elected to his third full term as speaker, warned that civilization could not withstand the shock of war every 25 years and warned that if we don't win the battle (for an ordered world and a permanent peace) we will have tailed.

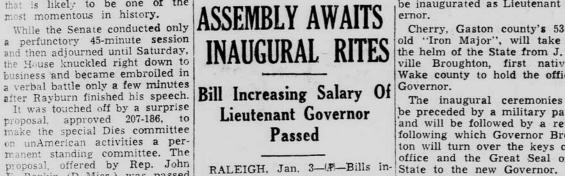
His speech before a hushed house of representatives highlighted the opening day of a two-year session that is likely to be one of the most momentous in history.

While the Senate conducted only a perfunctory 45-minute session and then adjourned until Saturday, the House knuckled right down to business and became embroiled in It was touched off by a surprise proposal, approved 207-186, make the special Dies committee on unAmerican activities a permanent standing committee. The proposal, offered by Rep. John



State To Present First War-Time Inauguration Since 1862; Military Parade, Other **Colorful Ceremonies Scheduled** 

RALEIGH, Jan. 3.-(AP)-R. Gregg Cherry of Gaston will take the oath of office as Governor of North Caro- 26 unless they previously were re- sified by the announcement that lina tomorrow in the State's first wartime inaugural since jected for military service. Boards MacArthur had landed men on the



Farm Workers Mindoro Isle Byrnes Notifies Hershey To 25 Jap Ships Sunk Or Begin Reclassifying Young Men Of Raids

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.-(UP)-President Roosevelt, workers 18 through 25 as the law permits.

F. Byrnes promptly notified Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, to take whatever request.

Within a few hours, Hershey telegraphed instructions to local pines by MacArthur's men Octoboards ordering pre-induction phy- ber 20. sical examinations for all agricul-

A new threat to Japan, in the turally deferred registrants 18 to two-day aerial attack, was inten-¥1862. L. Y. Ballentine of Wake will then will decide whether those be inaugurated as Lieutenant Gov- physically fit should be inducted south of Luzon, and at new points or retain their deferred status.

Agricultural deferments have Cherry, Gaston county's 53-year INAUGURAL RITES old "Iron Major", will take over been granted to 364,000 men in the the helm of the State from J. Mel-ville Broughton, first native of cials said it was impossible to Wake county to hold the office of estimate how many deferments will be cancelled since the final

The inaugural ceremonies will be preceded by a military parade, and will be followed by a review that he has been advised by be preceded by a minitary parade, and will be followed by a review, following which Governor Brough-ton will turn over the keys of his office and the Great Seal of the State to the new Governor.  $I_{1}$  being bles in the 18 through  $I_{2}$  bles the through  $I_{2}$  bles through  $I_{2}$  b

Fired In Five Days WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 .---(UP)-United States carrier

duction of as many farm most vital area of the Philippines between Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's fleet and Gen.

War Mobilization Director James Douglas MacArthur's Far Eastern air force.

A 10-day attack on Formosa, action necessary to carry out the Ryukyu and Luzon by Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet preceded the invasion of the Philip-

east coast of Mondoro Island.

on the west coast. Nimitz's carrier planes. opening their 1945 campaign, struck instaltions guarding Luzon from the north and the China coast from the east.

MacArthur's planes in five

a fleet radio blackout.

Late Bulletins

Soldier Killed in Motorcycle Wreck A soldier identified as Pvt. Charles S. McGee, 19, was killed at 12:15 a.m. today when his motorcycle struck the curbing of a plaza at Third and Harnett streets, police reported. His identification cards showed his home to be in Isabelle, Tenn., and he was attached to a fighter group at Bluethenthal Army Air Base.

Chaplin Verdict Delayed

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 3. (UP)-After deliberating for 4 hours and 40 minutes, jurors hearing Joan Barry's charges that Charlie Chaplin fathered her baby girl tonight told Superior Judge Henry M. Willis that they had not yet been able to reach a verdict and were excused for the night.

Paraguay Suspends AP Activity ASUNCION, Paraguay, Jan. 3.-(UP)-The National Department of Press and Propaganda today suspended activities of the Associated Press in Paraguay on grounds that the news agency altered "fundamental words" in President Morinigo's Christmas Day message.

French Publisher Executed MARSEILLE, Jan. 3.- (AP) -Albert le-Jeune, former director of "Le Petit Nicois" of Nice and several other provincial newspapers, was executed by a firing squad today for collusion with the enemy.



## Yanks Driven From Hold In Saar Basin

Hodges' Men Go Back On Offensive After German Break

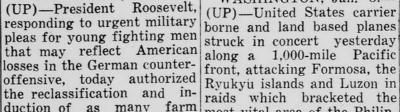
PARIS, Thursday, Jan. 4. (UP)-The U. S. First Army opened its long-awaited counter-offensive on the northern flank of the Ardennes bulge Wednesday, teaming with the Third Army on the south in a great squeeze drive against 200,000 German defenders of the salient.

Intensified German attacks to the south, however, had forced the Americans to relinquish their toeholds in the Reich between Sarreguemines and the Rhine, a front of 55 miles. Withdrawal from these positions in the first belt of the Siegfried Line was dictated by exigencies "elsewhere," front dispatches said in an obvious reference to the battle of the bulge.

The two American armies stood less than 16 miles apart when the First Army went back over to the offensive for the first time since t was jolted loose from its Belman winter onrush starting December 16.

Allied headquarters announced just before midnight that the First Army attack had been launched Wednesday, thus bringing its reports fairly up to date in contrast with the 48-hour news black-LONDON, Jan. 3-(UP)-An of- out, later modified to 36 hours, im-

Army were lashing out in feu southern Democrat coalition. Op-ponents of the committee felt they had succeeded in forcing it out of existence with the end of the last Congress, particularly after for-Formosa is 220 miles north of corridor through a 30-mile wide in or near Cologne in the north and attacking from the Malmedy-No details were available im- mitted that the Germans-at the by Col. George Crowell, Chicago, The German losses included 20,-German trainers-believed to be ing of 11 divisions, including the Arados-just north of the Swiss destruction of the equivalent of But MacArthur told a detailed lages on the south bank of the border and shot down all three in five Panzer divisions by the Third tory of merciless attacks on key of Budarest A few German fighters made pas- belonged to the German Sixth Moscow added, however, that ses at a squadron of Fortresses Panzer Army commanded by the bombers, sweeping the west coast, the counter-offensive had been re- were promptly chased away by notorious Gen. Sepp Dietrich, new sank or set afire a 7,000 ton trans-port, a 6,000 ton freighter, 21 Sixty-one Nazi tanks were de-dicated that this was the only at-Mustang escorts. Early reports in-dicated that this was the only at-Marsoal von Rundstedt mounted smaller freighters and two big stroyed, the majority of them in travelars. Sixty-one Nazi tanks were de-travelars the German counter-attacks south- engage the bomber fleets. Medium and light bombers and east of the Czechoslovak town of Three bombers and nine fighters were estimated knocked out. Dipping ever deeper into his refighters swept southern Luzon, at-fighters swept southern Luzon, at-tacking Clark Airdrome, Manila; railroad installations, reservoirs, barracks and barges. Dipping ever deeper into his re-were reported missing from the fighters are believed to have land-without respite through its ninth the for the burning city continued without respite through its ninth ed and four infantry divisions into The fortresses found good flying the Bastogne sector alone. weather at high altitudes, but thick One heavy counter-attack was clouds covered the ground and they delivered against the 101st Airwere forced to bomb by instrument. borne Division north of Bastogne The importance of the combin- the gun-studded university and in- Ground fire was reported nil to with the support of 14 tanks and meager. large forces of artillery. It was held A German DNB broadcast as-Turkey Will Sever serted that an American tank di-Japanese Relations vision was "annihilated" in the Michamps area four miles north-Soon, Ankara Says east of Bastogne where the Yanks were said to have launched "neavy armored attacks." The Germans By United Press The Turkish Grand National As- claimed recapture of several towns sembly voted unanimously Wed- including Renaumont, 12 miles nesday to break diplomatic and southwest of Bastogne and four The year-end figures showed that economic relations with Japan ef- miles from Libramont high-water By ALLEN J. GREEN Wilmington Star-News Washington S Allied reports said that the Ger-(Radio Luxembourg reported to-WASHINGTON, Jan. 3--The North deadweight tonnage of 16,343,436. (Radio Luxembourg reported to-Carolina Shipbuilding Co of Wil- While deadweight tonnage was cut in Barlin had started to evacuate of troops and tanks around Basmington, led all other shipyards of in half during the year, a commis-the nation in production of "C" sion spokesman said, building time its employes and other Japanese vital city from the southwest, but type merchant vessels last year by delivering 50 C-2's during the 12-month period, the U. S. Maritime Commission revealed today. At the same time, Vice Admiral Encome S. Land chairman of the the More Dry Dork Co. at Control of the More Dry Dork subjects to Switzerland.) In the new House there are 243 that there is "not a chance in a at Chattanooga, Tenn., and find in the entire field. We spent Emory S. Land, chairman of the the Moore Dry Dock Co., of Oakkey make the break, the broad- ed. cast said. Before withdrawing to a new Sake explained Turkey's position and invited the assembly to make south of the frontier of Rhenish the decision. Party leaders spoke Bavaria, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. in favor of the break and a bill Patch's Engineers systematically tanding shoe stamps." Ration stamps now valid for shoe wurchases are airplane stamps on the contract will be dis-tarts as an unemployment meas-tarts as an unemployment meas-(Continued on Pare Two: Col 1)



to in principle by the War De- The Assembly, the second to

partmen H.) introduced a joint resolution to business. for a constitutional amendment to Both of the Bills originated in the authorize the ratification of trea- Senate, where President pro tem

thirds vote of the Senate.

they included measures calling for ural funds.

S30 a month Federal pension for

Both Houses witnessed the swear-ing in of new members and adopt-ed resolutions notifying President Roosevelt that they were in ses-tion, by Rep. Unstead of Orange, passed, it would have meant the death of the two-thirds rule, some-times referred to as "The Gag Roosevelt that they have death of the two-thirds rule, some-tion, and president they were in ses-times referred to as "The Gag Roosevelt that they have death of the two-thirds rule, some-tion, and president they were in ses-times referred to as "The Gag Roosevelt that they were in ses-times referred to as "The Gag ning and zoning study, but this is said a statement issued by the planning Board, "is to furnish the His message on the State of were temporarily continued, a twothe Union will be read to Con- thirds vote of the House is necesgress Saturday and his annual bud- sary to adopt a minority report of fiscal year. get message will be delivered a committee. Umstead said "The Tuesday.

His State of the Union message will outline for Congress the momentous problems which it must tackle, including American parti-citation in a world security orzation, a method of fulfilling hope of 60,000,000 postwar jobs, and more immediately, War Mobiion Director James F. Byrnes'

tial war industry.

American-Laborite and one Pro- ration stamps will be cancelled. gressive giving the Democrats a clear cut majority which they did not have at the close of the last ngress. The Senate party alignment remains substantially the seine with 57 Democrats, 38 Republicans and one Progressive.

There are 92 new members in (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) one, two and three.

Congress, particularly after for-members and the State at large eagerly awaited the address of Gov-Trex.) declined to seek re-election. Other first day developments:

between 18 and 21. He said the before adjourning to reconvene at measure has the support of the 12 p.m., for the inaugural cere- Lady. American Legion and was agreed monies at Memorial Auditorium.

ties by a majority vote of both Archie Gay of Northampton, an-Houses instead of the present two- swering the dictates of the people in the November election, intro-Chairman Walter F. George. D.- duced the bill to increase the sal-Ga.) of the Senate Finance Com- ary of the Lieutenant Governor. He

D.N. C.) of the House Ways and New York and Should pay \$2,100 a year in addi-Means Committee joined to blight hopes of early tax reductions. "We is \$700 per regular assembly sessee no prospect of any major sion, plus traveling expenses. It change in our tax laws—at best until after the war with Germany," lature under suspension of rules, lature under suspension of rules, More than 600 bills were put in the House's legislative hopper. In as did a measure by Senator Blythe of Mecklenburg to provide inaug-

The principal debate of the day

(Continued on Page Five; Col. 2) ng budget.

**Bowles Assures Nation** That Valid Shoe Stamps Will Not Be Cancelled practicing professionally in Jack-

has done planning work in many WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 -(UP)uest that 4-F's be forced into Price Administrator Chester of the leading cities in the South-Bowles tonight assured the Nation east. He now is engaged in work

> In a succinct statement prompt- pa, Fla. The Council authorized the Planed by "panic - buying" of shoes throughout the country, he said: ning Board to enter into the indus-

"Not a chance in a million. We are not going to cancel any out- limits of funds presently available. gram publicly, at meetings of var- halt. He pointed out that the Re- he said. "They are tops." standing shoe stamps."

purchases are airplane stamps William B. Campbell, City attorney,

E Rankin (D.-Miss.) was passed on the strength of a Republican-Southern Democrat coalition. Op-Southern Democrat coalition. Op-

mer Chairman Martin Dies, (D.-Tex.) declined to seek re-election. Other first day developments: Chairman Andrew J. May, (D.-Chairman Andrew J. May, (D.-Chairman Andrew J. May, (D.-the new chief executive will out-line his plans for his four-year term time military training of all youts between ille ary training of all youts between ille ary training of all youts between allo comming Governor and the First between del ar ansportation to reconvene at between del ar ansportation triangle that the President, ap prised of the foregoing facts, found that the president, ap prised of the foregoing facts, found that the president, ap prised of the foregoing facts, found that the president, ap that the state the executive mansion the battle, Berlin said. The Regult area del to reconvene at the state the and more es-sential need of the Army and Navy He said that the President, apincoming Governor and the First sential need of the Army and Navy Ryukyus. for younger men.'

After the salute, the parade will Indicating that the action had proceed to the auditorium for the been well blue-printed in advance, meet during this world war, quick- inauguration ceremonies. Lt. Gov. Byrnes noted that:

Rep. Chester E. Merrow, (R.-N. ly organized today and got down R. L. Harris, presiding over his 1. War Food Administrator Marlast joint session of the General vin Jones has advised that while

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City Employs Expert For Postwar Planning

Employment by the City Plan-| Planning Board. The financial com- barracks and barges. ning Board of George W. Simons, nitment will not extend beyond the Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., to make present fiscal year.

a complete industrial survey of It is contemplated that the sur- Clark Field attack and two more holding more than 962 blocks. Wilmington and vicinity was ap- vey will begin in the immediate were so seriously damaged that Moscow and Berlin reports said proved last night by the City Coun- future, and J. Fred Rippy. Jr., they probably crashed.

administrative assistant to A. C. everyone over 60, expansion of vet-erans benefits, and abolition of the turn to the 1939 rules. Had the mo-trans benefits, and abolition of the turn to the 1939 rules. Had the mo-the discussion. It was announced Simons is to furnish all other as-the discussion. It was announced simons also was present for the discussion. It was announced simons also furnish all other as-the discussion. It was announced simons also furnish all other as-the discussion. It was announced simons also furnish all other as-the discussion. It was announced simons also furnish all other as-the discussion. It was announced simons also furnish all other as-the discussion. It was announced simons also furnish all other as-the discussion. It was announced simons also furnish all other as-the discussion. It was announced simons also furnish all other as-

in the City budget for the next basis for industrial and economic development after the war. We The cost of the industrial study need to know what industries and will be borne from funds available business enterprises can be devel-

to the Planning Board in the existoped with local or imported capital, and what sources of employ Mr. Simons was described by ment can be made available at the

members of the Planning Board end of the war boom. Mr. Simons' as one of the leading planners in report will furnish this information. the United States. He has been After the report is completed, it will be up to the community to sonville for about 30 years, and

industrial development lines. "To make the survey we have Commission revealed today. engaged the best man we could

trial survey contract within the of Mr. Simons, to discuss the pro- shipbuilding program to a gradual

and H. R. Emory, chairman of the (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) ure.

mediately on the carrier plane at- cost of immense losses in men mediately on the carrier plane at-tack because of the necessity for ecapturing several towns and vil-

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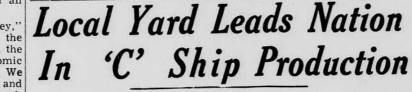
areas of Luzon. Heavy and attack

trawlers.

Eleven of 20 intercepting enemy day and the Russians appeared to ly territory. planes were shot down in the have won more than half the city,

that Soviet forces had surrounded

The Council met in a joint ses- Nichols, City manager, will be ac- ed carrier-land based planes was dicated that they also were within a month Federal pension for the principal was in the House, which finally sion with the Planning Board, and tively engaged in the work under emphasized by recent Japanese striking distance of the Parlia-



Bureau WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 -- The North deadweight tonnage of 16,343,436. mington, led all other shipyards of in half during the year, a commis- in Berlin had started to evacuate

completed an undertaking at Tam-in all parts of the country, and we pa, Fla. ded during the year. are convinced that Mr. Simons of awards would go only to "effici-awards would go only to "effici-"Their record speaks for itself,"

677 ships during 1944 with a total Ankara radio reported.

make use of the information along delivering 50 C-2's during the 12- The North Carolina yard deliver-

Democrats, 190 Republicans, one million" that any outstanding shoe Charleston, S. C., and has just several months contacting people commission, warned at his press land Calif., with 35 C-2s complet-

fers the greatest ability available. ent" yards in the commission's ment specifically on the Wilming-"It will be our purpose, and that plans to bring the vast war-time ton yard's 1944 record.