

**FORECAST**  
North Carolina — Cloudy, moderate temperatures, showers and thunderstorms Friday followed by clearing in mountains in afternoon.

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## 'Butcher' Penned



Infamous as "Butcher of Warsaw" and wanted in Europe for trial as a war criminal, former Gestapo Col. Joseph Albert Meisinger (above) sits meekly in a jeep on a road near Yokohama while Clark Lee of INS and two other war correspondents — his captors at a Japanese hide-away — fix a flat tire. AAF photo. (International).

## RAINFALL RUINS FALL CROPS HERE

### County Agent Galphin Says Damage Reaches Nearly 100 Per Cent

A nearly 100 per cent loss of fall crops including vegetables was forecast by R. W. Galphin, county agent, in an interview yesterday. Mr. Galphin said that the Wilmington area, which normally raises enough of the fall vegetable crops to supply its own needs with the main part being shipped to northern markets, is in a position now where the portion of the harvest not drowned out may be barely sufficient to fill local demand if no further bad weather develops.

In a tour of the county yesterday morning to inspect crop prospects a number of farmers were visited and the inspection showed that beans, corn and sweet potatoes are the heaviest sufferers. At one farm, the owner had planted three separate bean crops in hopes of dry weather and had nothing to show for his labors.

The bean crop in this area has been particularly hard hit and only a few bushels have been picked in the county, Mr. Galphin said. The land is drying off slowly, he stated, and some farmers have started plowing on high land which has good drainage, for the planting of late fall and winter crops. He added, however, that the weather has slowed up the start of the late crops to such an extent that the shorter days and cooler nights may delay maturity until a killing frost occurs.

One frost, which killed corn crops, has already been reported in the Mt. Mitchell area, he said, and the county is now in a position where even a little rain would be too much.

## "BLACK JACK" GETS BAND SALUTE ON HIS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—General of the Armies John J. Pershing, bed-ridden much of the time the past year, stood and saluted smartly today as an Army band serenaded him on his 85th birthday anniversary. The AEF commander of World War I appeared on the balcony of his Walter Reed hospital apartment while on the lawn below the band played "Happy Birthday To You." Then it brought back memories of other years with a medley of World War I tunes.

## WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.  
Temperature  
1:30 a.m. 74; 7:30 a.m. 78; 1:30 p.m. 88; 7:30 p.m. 81.  
Maximum 88; Minimum 74; Mean 81; Normal 74.  
Humidity  
1:30 a.m. 94; 7:30 a.m. 85; 1:30 p.m. 56; 7:30 p.m. 64.  
Precipitation  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.0 inches.  
Total since the first of the month—0.78 inches.  
Tides for Today  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)  
High Low  
Wilmington 2:48 a.m. 10:18 a.m.  
3:35 p.m. 11:00 p.m.  
Masonboro Inlet 12:18 a.m. 6:35 a.m.  
1:09 p.m. 7:34 p.m.  
Sunrise 5:54 a.m.; Sunset 6:21 p.m.  
Moonrise 1:07 p.m.; Moonset 11:17 p.m.  
River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a.m. "Thursday 13", 98 feet.  
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# EMPIRE SYSTEM ON PAN

## BRITISH BALKING Preference Policy Abandonment Demanded By United States

By E. H. SHACKFORD  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
—WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Great Britain is balking at complete abandonment of her "empire preference" system of trade, one of the key U. S. demands in the current Anglo-American economic talks, it was learned tonight. The British, here to get between three and six billion dollars of U. S. aid, have countered with a proposal to do it on a selective basis. They are arguing that, under the reciprocal trade agreements act, the United States is not able to make across-the-boards tariff reductions — but only cuts on selected articles in return for comparable reductions by other countries. Therefore, the British thesis continues, Britain should not be called upon to adopt a policy differing from the American system.

Under the British procedure, Britain's dominions and colonies get favored trade treatment. It is a major issue among the conferees and one on which assistant secretary of State William L. Clayton, head of the U. S. delegation, feels very strongly. He wants empire preference abandoned so that the United States will be sure to benefit if it makes Britain a loan or grant.

Earlier today, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson predicted that a recommendation for American financial assistance would emerge from the conference. His statement was made at a press conference a few hours before Lord Keynes, British economist and one of the British delegates, began outlining the British position to the conferees who met behind closed doors in the board room of the Federal Reserve building.

Keynes promised the conference Tuesday that, at the end of his presentation, he would offer a British suggestion for solving Britain's financial problem. He is expected, in effect, to call for an outright U. S. grant of between \$3,000,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000. Acheson said the whole broad field of international finances, commercial policies, and future trade arrangements would be surveyed, but that definitive agreements on most of those issues would come later.

Meanwhile charges that Britain is seeking American aid to finance a program of "socialization" were renewed in the house by Rep. Harold Knutson, R., Minn. A previous charge to that effect was described by President Truman Wednesday as "perfectly silly." Knutson, replying to Mr. Truman, recalled that a previous British Labor government under Ramsey MacDonald had repudiated Britain's debt to the United States. "What one labor government has already done," he said, "it is perfectly capable of doing again."

## AMPUTEE HAS WOODEN LEGS FOR ANY EVENT, TESTIMONY DISCLOSES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The case of an amputee who uses one set of artificial limbs while walking with his girl friend and another for skiing was related today to the House sub-committee on aid to the physically handicapped. Charles McGonegal, American Legion field secretary, said the man first obtained a set of artificial limbs in October, 1944, but a "met a girl, blond and nearly six feet tall, so he got a new set to make himself taller. Then, he wanted to continue his work as a professional skier, but the longer legs didn't balance right, so he got a third set, much shorter."

## Shriners To Complete Ceremonial Day Plans

Final plans and names of committee personnel to take charge of arrangements for the annual fall ceremonial of Sudan Temple, to be held in Wilmington on November 7-8, will be announced at a Dutch supper meeting of Arab Shrine Club tonight at St. Paul's Parish House at 7 o'clock, according to the chairman in charge. All activities in connection with the ceremonial will be held in the Cape Fear Armory on Market street, and tickets may be purchased at the Jewel Box, Futrel's Drug Company, Wade Realty Company, the president, members and at the North Carolina Shipyard. Charles Seifert, Recorder and others are expected to attend the supper-meeting tonight.

# Japanese To Arrest Own Suspects; Gen. Hodge Dismisses Hated Abe; Congress Pushes Truman Program

## Jobless Pay Bill, Given Approval

### FACE HARD FUTURE Army Tells Congress Demobilization Ahead Of Schedule

By DOUGLAS B. CONNELL  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Congress gave a big push today to two main points in President Truman's program for peacetime prosperity: jobs for everybody and longer jobless pay for people out of work. Both measures face a long, tough fight before they get clear through Congress. Today's moves were the first steps in shoving them into the Senate floor for debate. The Senate Finance committee wrote okay on the unemployment pay measure. A Banking subcommittee—the full committee now has to act—approved a "full employment" bill.

Until they voted, the day was long on talk, short on action. But Army big shots told the Senate military committee the Army is ahead of schedule on discharges, is releasing nearly 10 men a minute, and that 1,300,000 will go out of uniform between now and Christmas. That will be 2,000,000 since Germany folded.

And Congressmen also: 1. Made headway on a highway building measure. A house committee approved and started on its way a resolution to start a \$1,000,000,000 Federal-State program going. 2. Talked about spuds, artificial legs, a tall blonde, a Congressman's almost-but-not-quite marriage to another tall blonde. 3. Dipped deeper into financial deals of Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late President. But the House Ways and Means committee took no action. 4. Learned that the House committee investigating Unamerican activities suspects Japan's Black

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## POULTRY EXHIBIT TO BE HELD HERE

RALEIGH, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Three district and two county purebred poultry shows for 4-H Club members will be held during the next few weeks at Asheboro, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Goldsboro and Wilmington under supervision of the N. C. State College extension service. A total of 1,680 choice pullets from 14,000 purebred chickens are to be exhibited by 140 contestants. The chickens will be judged in the shows and then sold at public auction. A \$75 prize has been offered by each county in which the shows will be held. The Randolph county show at Asheboro and the Guilford county show at Greensboro, on Sept. 21 and 22, respectively, will have an exhibit of 120 choice pullets each. A district show at Winston-Salem on Sept. 29 will draw contestants from Stokes, Surry, Yadkin, and Davie counties. Contestants from Lenoir, Greene, Johnston, and Wayne counties will exhibit at Goldsboro Oct. 6. The final district show will be at Wilmington on Oct. 13, with Onslow, Pender, Bladen and New Hanover counties entered. A series of egg shows is being planned for club members next spring.

## GIRL'S PLEA LEADS TO FINDING OF HER MOTHER'S DEAD FORM

CRANSTON, R. I., Sept. 13.—(AP)—A 12-year-old girl's plea to police to find out what had happened to her mother led today to the discovery of Mrs. Mary Ann Newcomb's body, buried in a garage, and to a confession by Gordon M. Newcomb, police said, that he had strangled his wife. Chief inspector Thomas F. Rattigan of Providence said Newcomb had confessed and would be booked on a murder charge in court tomorrow. Rattigan said that the Providence oil dealer, after hours of steadfast denial of knowledge of the whereabouts of the 40-year-old mother of his daughters, 13 and 5, suddenly said early today that she

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## Devereux 'Safe'



According to reports from liberated prisoners of war, Lt. Col. James P. Devereux, Marine commander on Wake Island at the time it was taken by the Japs, is alive and in charge of one of the prisoners of war camps in the Bibai area of Hokkaido Island. (International).

## BYRNES CONFERS WITH KING PETER

### Secretary Also Talks With Greek Regent; Calls In Advisors

LONDON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes summoned his southeastern European experts tonight for an anticipated airing of the turbulent Balkan political situation by the Big Five Council of Foreign Ministers. The disclosure that these key American representatives had been called to London was made by U. S. Embassy sources after Byrnes conferred with King Peter of Yugoslavia and the Greek Regent Arch-Bishop Damaskinos. When the Council resumes its scheduled discussions tomorrow on the drafting of a peace settlement for Italy, Byrnes will have at hand Arthur Bliss Lane, Ambassador in Warsaw; Robert Patterson, Ambassador in Belgrade; Maynard Barnes, Minister in Sofia; and Burton Y. Berry, American representative on the Allied Control Commission in Bucharest. They arrived by plane today.

The potentially explosive Balkan situation was brought into the Big Five discussions by American and British insistence that representative, Democratic regimes be established. (Continued on Page Four; Col. 4)

## Koreans Get Wish As New Men Go In

### ARMY TAKES OVER

#### American Officers To Head Police Activities In Seoul Area

SEOUL, Korea, Sept. 12.—(Delayed)—Lieut. Gen. John R. Hodge announced today the dismissal from office of Nobuyuki Abe, governor-general of this former Japanese possession. The announcement was made by the general at a conference with about 1,000 delegates from 51 Korean groups, including 33 political or semi-political parties. He also told the assemblage of Koreans, many of whom had sharply criticized the continued use of Japanese functionaries, that he had removed Tadao Nishihiro, director of the Police Bureau of the Government General of Korea.

Major Gen. A. V. Arnold, commander of the Seventh Infantry Division, which to date is the only one that has come ashore, will take over Abe's functions, and the police director's duties will be assumed by Brig. Gen. L. E. Schick, Provost Marshal General for United States forces in Korea, General Hodge announced.

Both moves were hailed by the Koreans, who have charged that he has used their positions since the occupation to further Japanese interests at the expense of Koreans. The latter had been particularly critical of the continued use of armed Japanese police in Seoul. General Hodge only yesterday assured the Korean newspapermen at another conference that he would reconstitute the police force as soon as possible. The Koreans hope his removal of Nishihiro will be followed immediately by the discharge of other Japanese and Korean collaborators still holding police jobs.

## BUS FIRE TAKES VETERANS LIVES

AYER, MASS., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Four overseas veterans enroute to Fort Devens for long-awaited furloughs were burned to death in a bus accident today, a few hours after one of them had telephoned his mother from a New Jersey Army camp that he'd soon be home again. Some 35 other soldiers were injured painfully when the crowded bus overturned and exploded in the center of Ayer. Shortly before the mishap, the troops had arrived here by train from Camp Kilmer, N. J., where they were processed after their transport docked in New York earlier this week. The dead were listed as: Vincent J. Battle, 480 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I. Charles W. Canino, 789 Saratoga St., East Boston. Two unidentified soldiers. Cpl. Canino, who had served 28 months overseas, telephoned his mother last night: "It's wonderful to know I'll soon be home. I can't say much else now because I'm so excited." The veterans were only two miles from their furlough point when the bus lurched out of control and overturned. As the soldiers clawed their way out of the wreck-

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## Kept Tojo Alive



Army Doctor Capt. James Johnson (above) of Newark, O., kept the Gen. Hideki Tojo, 62, after the former Premier and No. 1 Jap war criminal shot himself in an attempt at suicide. Capt. Johnson administered blood plasma and got Tojo to a hospital. (International)

## CIVITANS HEAR COL. DYKE MEYER

### Former Bluethenthal Group Commander Speaks To Service Club

Colonel Dyke Meyer, former commander of the 366th Field Artillery Group at Bluethenthal Field Air Base entertained members of the Wilmington Civitan club with an informal talk on the operations of the U. S. in the latter days of the war in Europe. Stating that he felt privileged to have witnessed the power of American arms in action, Col. Meyer set the turning point in the air war, as well as the ground war, the first time the United States Air Forces were able to send bombers over Berlin with fighter escorts. No other country employs a power to the extent that we do, he said, and the devastation in Germany from bombings could not be realized from photographs, only from actually walking through the devastated areas.

Almost every city in Germany the size of Wilmington or over, had lost its heart; its center laid waste and the people living on the fringes. Col. Meyer lent force to his statement by recalling that when stationed in Brunswick, Germany, it took one week to find a house for the commanding general to live in. Answering a question, Col. Meyer explained that the non-fraternization policy had, as its main purpose, prevention of sabotage which had been anticipated. In a too friendly atmosphere, there might be leakage of information, he explained. When it was found that the German people were not inclined to sabotage as much as had been believed, restrictions were lifted. Generally good treatment was given to downed British and American airmen after they were placed in the hands of the German military and most of the mistreatment was suffered at the hands of the civilians, he said.

Daechau, the infamous prison camp, was exactly as described, Col. Meyer stated, and no atrocity was too great to commit against the Russians, Poles or Jews. Commenting on the jet-propelled planes which Germany developed before the close of the war, Col. Meyer said that they would have

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# GRANTED TWO DAYS FOR JOB

## MacArthur Allows Request Of Leaders But Failure Will Bring Eighth Army Into Picture As Hunters.

TOKYO, Friday, Sept. 14.—(AP)—The Japanese government today asked and was given the job of arresting its own suspected war criminals but was expected to get results within two days. Otherwise, U. S. Eighth Army headquarters intimated, the Americans again will step in and corral the war-makers, Black Dragon Jingsos and prison camp tyrants who face court martial as war criminals.

## GOTHAM WELCOMES GEN. WAINWRIGHT

### Six Million Citizens Show Hero With Tumultuous Welcome

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The acclaim of New York's millions was heaped upon Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright today with a welcome so overpowering the hero of Corregidor found it "hard to take." Along a 32-mile route from barged-off East River, through a wild, paper-throwing financial district to swank Fifth Avenue, a police-estimated crowd of 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 persons roared a greeting to the 62-year-old Four Star General. At its conclusion, the man who made the last stand on Corregidor during the darkest days of the war and then spent 39 months in Japanese prison camps, made no attempt to conceal how deeply he was touched.

"It was," he said, "hard to take." The magnitude of the ovation struck the tall, still-gaunt general with full force when he rode—at the head of a 20-car motorcade—up the mile-long hero's canyon amid one of the greatest paper showers the financial district ever has seen. Gay streamers, ticker tape and torn newspapers cascaded down in such volume that the general's car at times virtually was hidden from view. A continuous roar rose from the jam-packed sidewalks. Smiling, but plainly surprised, Gen. Wainwright waved to the right and left and turned occasionally to Mayor F. H. La Guardia, who rode at his side, as if to seek reassurance that everything was real. Close behind him in another car was his wife, "Kitty," who until this week had not seen him for four years.

A 17-gun salute, booming out from La Guardia Field upon the general's arrival from Washington at 11 a.m. (EWT) signaled the start of activities. Escorted by 100 motorcycle policemen, the motorcade crossed the Triborough bridge to Manhattan, moved down the Franklin D. Roosevelt drive then up lower Broadway to city hall, where Gen. Wainwright received the honorary citizenship of New York. From there the procession rolled up Fifth Avenue through another paper blizzard, then across town to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where Gen. Wainwright was guest of honor tonight at dinner for 1,500 persons.

The Japanese cabinet in special session was wrestling with the problem of what to do with elements within the government that may be unsavory to MacArthur. (A high government authority in Washington declared the United States hoped for quick, vigorous action against Japanese war criminals similar to measures taken against Germany's guilty.) Some Japanese sources, including the superintendent of the Tokyo police, denied that Ogata belonged to the Black Dragon Society of terrorists, as MacArthur's headquarters charged in ordering his arrest. Prince Fumimaro Konoye, vice premier, conferred with MacArthur at the Supreme Commander's headquarters yesterday. Earlier Konoye declared in an interview that as Premier just before Pearl Harbor, he had tried to head off war by arranging a meeting with President Roosevelt. He said his plans were frustrated by the militarists and Japan's own international reputation "as a liar." The even tenor of occupation was maintained, meanwhile with the Japanese government announcing the dissolution of two hotbeds of militarism and aggression. In accordance with MacArthur's demands, Imperial headquarters was disbanded, and 15,220 students of the naval college—the Annapolis of Japan—were dismissed. Emperor Hirohito was advised of the dissolution of Imperial headquarters, set up in 1940 to coordinate army and navy operations, by three of Japan's top ranking militarists.

## DANGEROUS STORM HEADS NORTHWARD

MIAMI, FLA., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Residents of southern Florida were alerted late today as a powerful hurricane moved in toward the continent from the Atlantic, threatening to sweep across the Bahamas islands in the next 24 hours. The Weather Bureau here said the storm center was 800 miles from Miami in the later afternoon, and that winds near the center were "well over 100 miles per hour." An earlier advisory had estimated the winds at 135 m.p.h. No hurricane warning for Florida was issued, but the Bureau indicated that one may come tomorrow if the storm continues its present course. Text of the 5:30 p.m. (EWT) advisory: "The hurricane is central near latitude 20.3 degrees north and longitude 68.2 degrees west, or about 800 miles southeast of Miami, moving west-northwestward 16 to 18 m.p.h., attended by winds well over 100 m.p.h. near the center." (Continued on Page Four; Col. 8)

## WORKER TAKES OWN LIFE IN TRAILER HOME WITH GUN

Charles Roderick Jason, 38-year-old carpenter, of 918 South 2nd street, who had been under the care of a doctor for several months, was found dead by officers called to his trailer house yesterday by neighbors, in a bed in the vehicle, according to police reports. Death was apparently the result of a bullet wound in the right temple. Investigating officers reported that they found Jason with an old-type .38 caliber revolver in his right hand. A note on a dresser in the trailer said that "I am sorry that this happened but I just can't bear this illness any longer..." Police said that neighbors became alarmed after seeing Jason go in to his trailer Wednesday afternoon and fall to appear when time came for him to leave for work yesterday.

# Hitler Planned Arrest Of 2,300 Noted People If His Contemplated Invasion Of England Hit

By DANIEL DELUCE  
Associated Press Staff Correspondent  
BERLIN, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Germany's elaborate plans to invade England in 1940 included the "automatic" arrest of 2,300 persons picked by the Gestapo, it was disclosed today. A secret list which Allied investigators found at headquarters of Heinrich Himmler's Reich Security Police contained the names of then Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his ministers, British industrial, labor and intellectual leaders, officials of occupied countries, and many refugees from Nazi terror, prominent and obscure. That Adolf Hitler did not abandon his hopes of becoming the first continental conqueror successfully to invade England since the year 1066, (Date of the Norman invasion, was indicated by the fact that the list appeared to have been revised yearly, after its preparation in 1940. Several Americans were marked for seizure—if found in Britain. They included Paul Robeson, the singer, financier Bernard Beruch and three correspondents—M. W. Fodor of the Chicago Daily News, Donald Day, one time Baltic correspondent, and the writer. The Gestapo listed me as "probably in England—active in Segrean-Christoson circles." That probably referred to my close friendship with John C. Segre, London News Chronicle representative in Central Europe captured in the collapse of Yugoslavia and later reported to have died in an Austrian prison camp. We toured northern Slovakia in the summer of 1939, and reported Germany's preparations to attack Poland. The thoroughness of the Gestapo's work was evidenced by the fact that dossiers were kept for each of the more than 2,300 persons singled out for arrest, and the number of the dossier entered opposite the name in the list.

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