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Will Visit U. S.



Russian Marshal Gregori Zhukov, Soviet member of the Allied Control Commission in Germany, will arrive by air in New York City, Oct. 4, and will then go to Washington to see President Truman.

ANNAMITE MASS FOR NEW ATTACK

Week-Long Battle Takes Toll Of 319 Dead, 234 Wounded

SAIGON, Indo China, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Fighting between Annamese and British and French forces entered the second week today amid indications that the rebellious natives are massing on the outskirts of Saigon for a concerted attack when 1,000 French reinforcements disembark Wednesday.

The Annamese, battling to prevent reestablishment of French rule in Indo China, are estimated to have a force of 20,000 men, three-fourths of whom are armed, in the north-central area of Saigon. An unestimated number of armed natives also are massing along the main roads in the southern area of the city.

Despite official attempts to minimize the outbreaks, the known casualties from the first week of fighting were 319 dead and 234 wounded. The dead included 204 Annamese and 100 French civilians. Britons, French, Americans, Dutch, Chinese, Indians, Gurkhas, Japanese and Annamese have been involved either directly or indirectly in the battling.

British Maj. Gen. D. D. Gracey, commanding officer of the Saigon Control Commission, has ordered the active participation of Japanese troops in an effort to quell the Annamese. Some 1,700 liberated Dutch prisoners of war have been armed.

British officials insisted that the situation has eased and that fighting now is restricted to the Saigon suburbs where Gurkhas outflanked 200 natives who previously had turned back two platoons of Indian troops and two sections of French Marines in a three-hour pitched battle in which the natives used mortars, grenades and automatic weapons.

Two days ago a column of 13 trucks carrying liberated Dutch prisoners of war and Japanese troops was ambushed by thousands of Annamese armed with rifles and machineguns. The Japanese refused to fire on the natives and only eight trucks got through. The trucks were returning to Saigon from Japanese arms dumps and probably contained weapons. No announcement has been made of the casualties resulting from that engagement.

LONG-DISTANCE 'DATE' BEDFORD, Ind., (AP)—Virginia R. Smith of Bedford, deputy Lawrence county clerk, believes in accepting dates far in advance—at least when they are made by long-distance telephone from London. Her sweetheart, Cpl. Victor Zilias, of Boston, made a date with her for Christmas. Miss Smith received the call at her desk in the courthouse and said she could hear as plainly as though "Victor was in the next room."

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. 74; 1:30 p. m. 85; 7:30 p. m. 72. Maximum 84.5; Minimum 71; Mean 75; Normal 70. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 92; 7:30 a. m. 89; 1:30 p. m. 60; 7:30 p. m. 91. Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month—0.00 inches. Tides For Today: From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. High: 5:48 a. m., 12:37 p. m., 6:20 p. m. Low: 12:51 a. m., 7:07 p. m. Masonboro Inlet: 4:04 a. m., 10:06 a. m., 4:27 p. m., 10:46 p. m. Sunrise 6:07; Sunset 5:57; Moonrise 1:36 a. m.; Moonset 5:54 p. m. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

POWER MEET WANES

U. S. OFFER REFUSED

Some Progress Made During 20 Days Of Conferences

LONDON, Monday, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The five power conference of Foreign Ministers worked for an hour past midnight today and then announced another session would be held tonight.

It appeared the ministers would wind up their first meeting tonight, perhaps without a solution to the conference's biggest problem—procedure for writing the Balkan peace treaties.

It was learned that the Russians have refused the latest and most liberal American compromise, offering to acquiesce to the Soviet demand that only Russia, the United States and Britain write the Balkan pacts, providing assurances are given there will be a full-pledged peace parity later.

The Russian objection to the compromise, and a corollary proposal that all belligerents against the Nazis meet to talk over Balkan issues before drafting to peace pacts, led most observers to believe the conference would adjourn while the three major countries through diplomatic channels.

The ministers met for three hours this afternoon to consider material to be included in a final overall communiqué expected tomorrow on the conference records.

On the basis of information from conference sources that the ministers of the United States, Great Britain, Russia, France and China intended to conclude their talks tonight, diplomatic quarters predicted the Balkan issue would remain unsettled.

However, it was understood that the overall communiqué would announce several agreements reached during the 20 days of deliberations, including the Soviet-British agreement on a treaty for Finland and on withdrawal of troops from Iran by March 2, 1946.

These reasons were cited by some conference delegates for the apparent failure to agree on major problems:

1—Lack of preparation, particularly advance exchanges of views before the London sessions began. Russia's views on the Mediterranean came as a surprise, while the Americans reportedly suddenly changed their stand on the disposal of Italian colonies.

2—Three of the Foreign ministers—James F. Byrnes of the United States, Ernest Bevin of Britain, and Wang Shih-Chieh of China—were new in their jobs. And some observers have reported open clashes between Bevin and Molotov.

3—Alleged Russian sensitivity over publicity at the war's end of the powerful economic and military position of the United States with Russia pictured as weaker. Some observers said the Atom bomb secret might have a role in such a Soviet attitude.

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Bandits Kidnap, Rob Doctor, Mother; Were On Race With Death

WELLESLEY, Mass., Sept. 30.—(AP)—Dr. Harold S. Smith of East Orange, N. J., and his 60-year-old mother were kidnaped and robbed of \$480 on the Worcester turnpike early today as they drove to the deathbed of the physician's grandmother in Boston.

Mother and son were forced to the side of the highway by three bandits who ordered them into another automobile and drove three miles to Newton where the robbery occurred. The bandits released the pair immediately, having overlooked some \$600 which Dr. Smith carried in a second wallet, and a diamond ring which his mother slipped into her pocketbook.

Almost while the holdup was in progress, the doctor's grandmother, Mrs. Ida Smith of Brighton, died at a Boston hospital.

Vip Othman Takes Bath In Palace Of Nazi Spy

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN United Press Staff Correspondent BOARD GLOBESTER ENROUTE FROM CASABLANCA TO CAIRO, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Gather round friends and I'll tell you how a feller from Missouri took a midnight bath in the marble palace of a Nazi spy.

Hand me down my white bur-noose, light the incense and call in the dancing girls. I bet I'm getting too far from home bating in a tub. With a arabic vie and h-r-ing an arab try to wash my back with perfumed unguents has got me blinking. Turn on Scheherazade

MacArthur Seizes 21 Japanese Banks; Nation-Wide Phone Strike Threatens; Gloster Passes Quarterway Mark

Huge Plane Hour Behind 'Schedule'

CIRCLES PYRAMIDS

Army Air Forces Men Board Ship Enroute To India, China

By PAUL MILLER (Associated Press Staff Writer) CAIRO, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The world-circling Globester circled the Pyramids today. It also:

Passed the quarterway mark on its 23,147 mile flight around the world. It roared in dazzling sunshine over the bomb and shell-torn desert battlefields of Benghazi, Matruh and El Alamein.

Saw its first camel train, on the road below Tripoli.

Took on its first passengers since departing Washington last Friday and.

Ran out of water in the best tradition—right over the Libyan desert.

Coming in along the Nile to Cairo after a 1,097 mile hop from Tripoli the Globester dipped its wings to the ancient pyramids while passengers—increased from nine to 28—at Casablanca—gaped and snapped pictures from the C-54's twenty circular windows.

Only a one hour stop was scheduled at Cairo as U. S. Army Air Transport Command observers pushed things along in hope of picking up the hour the Globester was running behind.

While passengers scurried for nearby souvenir shops, most of them buying Egypt's famed puzzle rings, crews including turbaned barefoot natives swarmed in and serviced the ship for the 1,093 mile jump to what airmen out here call the hottest place in the world, Abadan. A nighttime landing there was arranged for the Globester.

The plane departed for Abadan at 4:40 p. m. local time (8:40 a. m. Eastern Standard Time). It reached Cairo from Tripoli at (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

TWENTY-FIVE DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

BOURNE END, Herfordshire, England, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Twenty-five persons were killed and more than 94 injured today when the London-bound Perth Express was derailed near here and plunged down a 20-foot embankment.

Bodies of the engineer, the fireman and 13 identified passengers were taken from the wreckage as well as those of nine unidentified dead. One man previously reported as injured died later in a hospital.

The train was carrying many servicemen, including Americans who acted as volunteer rescue workers.

It was the worst rail crash of the year in England. The London-Midland-Scottish Railway said in a statement that the train had been switched from a fast line to a slow one because of repairs in a tunnel, and would have been returned to the fast line a short distance from the scene of the wreck.

Six coaches of the Express left the rails and four turned over. The engine and tender also went down the embankment.

Railroad officials said the train was believed to have jumped a switch.

UNEDUCATED BIRD HELD ON \$10,000 BOND BY CUSTOMS

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 30.—(AP)—If "Chico" were an educated bird, U. S. customs agents at Pan American Field would have a loud squawk on their hands today.

The South American bird, flown from Barranquilla, Colombia, for G. C. Hoyt of Chicago, was ordered "held" under \$10,000 bond on "charges" of illegal entry when customs found the bird was not accompanied by the proper papers.

A customs broker, who knows Hoyt, guaranteed the bond to save Chico from deportation while the international impasse is being ironed out.

Member of a winged family that can be taught to talk, Chico has not yet made a dent on his (her?) ABC's.

"Thank goodness," commented the customs agent appointed temporary jailer.

CONGRESS TO GET NEW TAX PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The administration will submit to Congress tomorrow a transitional tax reduction program expected to relieve an estimated 10,000,000 persons of all income tax liability.

It is believed to call for outright repeal of three per cent normal tax on individual incomes and the 59 per cent excess profits tax on corporations. The changes, to become effective Jan. 1, would reduce government tax income an estimated \$4,000,000,000.

The program will be transmitted to the House Ways and Means committee by Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson.

The normal tax on individuals has permitted an exemption of only \$500 for each taxpayer with no credit for dependents. Its repeal would provide a measure of relief for all wage-earners, especially those in lower brackets.

The National Lawyers Guild meanwhile called for a sharp tax reduction for low income groups, but recommended that existing income and excess profits taxes be retained during reconversion.

It outlined a six-point reconversion program which would raise personal exemptions to \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons, repeal the normal tax and cancel several indirect or excise levies.

Denouncing the "generous treatment" accorded industry through financial aid and tax relief, it said that reconversion tax reductions "should have as their prime objective the relief of those with little incomes of a part of the heavy tax burdens they have carried during the war."

It characterized as "soak-the-poor" legislation the "across-the-board" tax reduction proposed by Rep. Harold Knutson, Minn., ranking Republican member of the House Ways and Means committee, and others.

Same government officials and "a large number of legislators," it said, have been too complacent (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

LEGION WILL FIGHT ANY TRANSFER MOVE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The American Legion announced today it will fight "to the limit" any proposal to transfer some Veterans Administration functions to other government bureaus.

The Legion attributed to Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Veterans Administration, a proposal that the Federal Housing Administration take over the processing of home loans under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

General Bradley promptly disclaimed sponsorship of any such plan. He said in a statement that he had talked to various financial groups in an effort to find out their views on the handling of home loans but declared:

"I, myself, made no proposal and expressed no opinion."

John Thomas Taylor, American Legion director of legislation, said in a letter to Bradley that it would be "just as logical to transfer veterans hospitalization to the United States Public Health Service."

"Likewise," he added, "it would be just as logical to transfer the payment of pensions and compensation to the Social Security Board; Veterans insurance to the Treasury Department and so on until nothing is left of the Veterans Administration as it is presently constituted."

Oil Strike Settlement Bogs Down

395,000 NOW IDLE

Walkout At Westinghouse Plants May End This Week

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—A brief demonstration shutdown by 200,000 telephone workers across the country was called a "definite possibility" tonight by Joseph Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

This development came as government-sponsored conferences between petroleum companies and the CIO oil workers union were recessed—with no visible prospects of quick settlement—until tomorrow morning.

The total number now idled by strikes, walkout, and layoffs over the nation totals about 395,000.

The Telephone Federation was aroused by an intermediate report of the National Labor Relations board calling for immediate dissolution of the Western Electric Employees Association, a key unit of the Federation, on grounds that it was dominated by the Western Electric Company.

Beirne said from his Cliffside, N. J., home that the Federation's executive board would decide what action would be taken at a meeting tomorrow morning. Earlier, other union officials said the telephone employees might stop work for a week.

"We're not going to take this lying down, you can depend on that," Beirne added, in a telephone interview.

Information received here stated that Lewis came to the Holden home asking to see his wife who was staying there for the night. Upon being refused, he left to return again in about an hour, entering the house and in the affray that took place, Heiden was shot. The victim lived only about ten minutes.

An inquest will be held this week by Coroner Bell in Southport. Lewis is being held without bond in Brunswick County jail at Southport.

The body of the deceased was taken to the Jessup-Inman funeral home in Tabor City and funeral services will be held at the Oak Grove Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Tom Johnson officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the wife and one daughter, Juanita; five sisters, Mrs. Lottie Robinson, Mrs. Lettie Hewitt, Mrs. Pinkey Clemmons of Supply; Mrs. Mary Hewitt of Fort Bragg; Mrs. Carrie Lovette of Bolivia; one brother, Jessie Holden of Supply and father: George Holden of Shallotte.

St. Louis Wins Final Contest; Down Reds, 3-2

CINCINNATI, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Del Rice hit his first Major League home run today to give the St. Louis Cardinals a twelfth inning 3-2 victory over Cincinnati in the season finale.

The St. Louis catcher's circuit blow broke up a pitchers' duel between John Hetki, Redleg Rookie, and Harry "The Cat" Brecheen. Each allowed nine hits and struck out four, but Hetki walked one batter. The victory gave Brecheen his fifteenth victory against four defeats.

Burton arranged to take the Constitutional oath from Chief Justice Stone in the Court's private conference room a few minutes before noon. Then, donning the traditional black silk judicial robe for the first time, he will march with the other justices to the court room at the stroke of 12.

Immediately he will be given the judicial oath by Chief Justice Stone, an employee of the Star-Navy, returned to her home here Saturday following a trip to Greensboro.

Friends of Miss McConnell stated last night that she had gone to Greensboro on September 22, for a weekend visit and while there had the misfortune to become involved in an automobile accident which delayed her return to Wilmington.

Miss McConnell Returns To Her Home Saturday

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Truman Reviews White House MPs



As the colors pass on Fort Meyer parade-ground in Virginia, President Truman (left, arrow) uncovers in salute with Secretary of War Patterson, Admiral Leahy and Gen. George Marshall. Occasion was the formal review by the President of the special company of Army Military Police that guarded the White House throughout the war. (International)

First Marine Division Will Police Tientsin

SHALLOTTE SCENE OF FATAL AFFRAY

TABOR CITY, Sept. 30.—Willie H. Holden, 50, of Route 1, Shallotte was shot to death in his home by his brother-in-law, George Lewis late Saturday night.

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146 CGA MEN GET RAISE IN RANK

One hundred forty six men in the Wilmington area who served with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Coast Guard Volunteer Port Security Force have received an advance of one step in rank or rate as a mark of appreciation for their part time, volunteer without pay services during World War II, according to information from the U. S. Coast Guard, Public Information Department in Charleston, S. C.

The order, applicable to both officers and enlisted men of the two units in all Naval Districts throughout the United States, was issued at Coast Guard Headquarters, where Admiral Russell R. Waesche, Commandant, voiced a "well done" for the reservists who by a headquarter's order of August 22 are being disenrolled about the first of October with only a small percentage still being retained in an active status for administrative purposes.

The promotions in effect are honorary. A total of 1,902 men served in the Auxiliary and 1,283 in the Volunteer Port Security Force in the Sixth Naval District, of which Wilmington is a part.

Throughout the war the Coast Guard's temporary reservists served without pay on a part time voluntary basis.

BASEBALL SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE Detroit 6, St. Louis 3 (2nd game postponed). Cleveland at Chicago—rain. Boston 2, New York 12. Only games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 2. St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 1. Brooklyn 4, Philadelphia 2.

Hirohito's Big Fortune Is Involved

OFFICIALS OUSTED

All Financial Operations "Froze" In One Swift Blow

TOKYO, Sept. 30.—(AP)—General MacArthur's troops seized 21 financial institutions in Japan today, ousted their officials and crushed with one swift blow the great banking combine that exploited an empire built by armed force.

Emperor Hirohito's personal fortune was probably involved in the action.

In a secret maneuver as bold as his battle tactics, MacArthur threw armed troops of the U. S. Sixth and Eighth Armies around financial houses in Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kobe, Shimonoseki and Fukuoka.

While the troops marched, representatives of the Japanese Finance Ministry were summoned to Supreme Headquarters.

Then at 4 p. m. troops entered the banks and impounded all funds, securities and records. In that same instant the Finance Ministry was handed at headquarters the orders freezing operations and removing officials.

All the institutions, which either were the financial spearheads or the supporting waves of exploitation in the military conquests in Asia, are marked for liquidation, MacArthur announced.

The Bank of Japan, most powerful in all the empire, also was occupied to secure its assets, but headquarters said that as a commercial institution it was not permanently affected and was expected to reopen tomorrow.

It stood on quaking ground, however, for its financial ramifications extend to those caught in MacArthur's pincers.

The Japanese economy was headed for further blows. Besides those houses seized, MacArthur also ordered close all other financial institutions whose "foremost purpose has been to finance colonization development activities in areas out-

PRISONER ESCAPES WHEN STORM DOUSES PENITENTIARY LIGHTS

CANON CITY, Colo., Sept. 30.—Taking advantage of a power failure that doused all lights during a snowstorm, Edwin Robert Cain, 42-year-old prisoner, escaped from the state penitentiary early today by scaling a 12-foot fence.

Cain, serving 50 years to life for second degree murder, was on duty as a waiter in the dining-room at breakfast time when the prison's hydro-electric plant failed. Before city power could be switched on he dashed from the dining-room into the laundry, climbed to the roof, dropped into a recreation field and ran to the east prison fence.

Tower guards, their searchlights out, were helpless to stop the prisoner as he went over the barricade.

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Passengers Fume, Play As Train Waits Out Hour

By JOHN MADIGAN United Press Staff Correspondent BOARD THE REDWING, ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Sept. 30.—The international passenger train Redwing swung into a siding for a zero hour at 2 a. m. today because the Boston and Main Railroad sticks by its timetable—through rain, snow, sleet and Standard Time.

The Pullmanless Redwing—named for the pretty Indian maid—arrived at this crossroads of three railroads under tow of the good locomotive "Peter Cooper" five hours out of Montreal. The rolling Vermont countryside was bleak and deserted except for an occasional heifer, and a light wind rustled the "Vote for Dewey" signs on the station.

Few of the 100-odd passengers in the coaches were aware that the B and M had ordered all trains halted on their tracks to while away the spare hour so that time-tables wouldn't be awry. Some rushed for the station restaurant, but the owner said it was closing time and promptly locked the doors. He probably wanted the extra hour's sleep.

Down the aisles of the darkened (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)