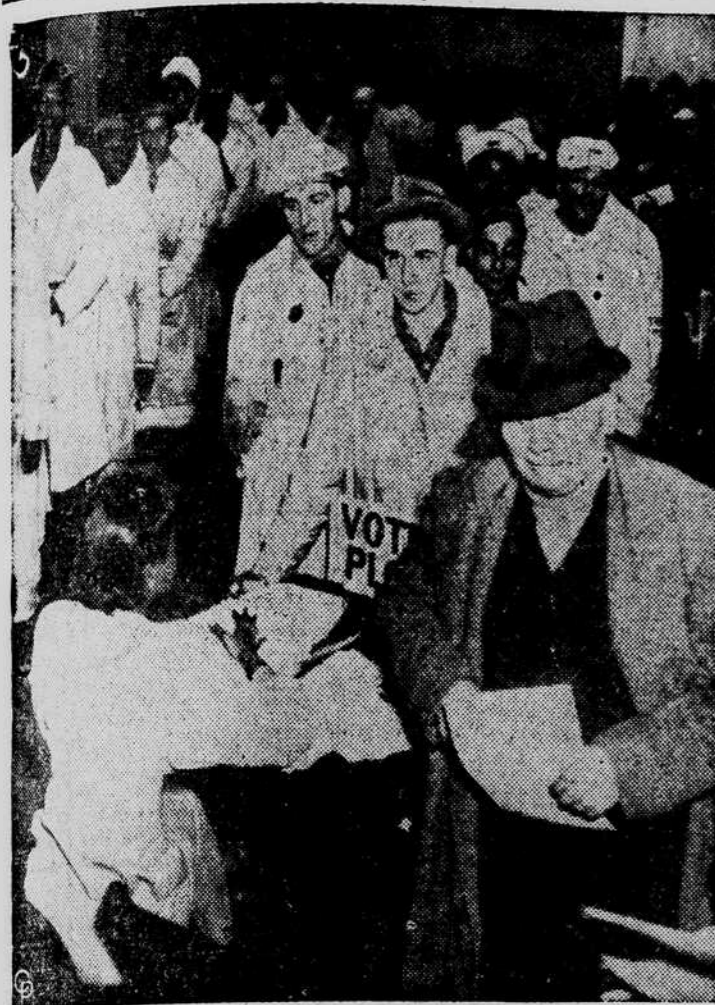


North Carolina—Rain mixed with snow and colder west portion showers and mild east portion followed by clearing and colder Tuesday night. Wednesday, fair and continued cold.

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Butchers 'Beef' By Ballot



A large group of packing house workers in the Chicago area are shown casting their ballots in the strike vote held under the supervision of the National Labor Relations Board. About 28,000 workers are asking for a 17-cents-an-hour increase and a 40-hour week. (International)

Truman Strike Appeal Gets Cool Reception

\$100,000 NYLON PLANT ANNOUNCED

Port City Mills To Build On Greenfield Street Next Year

Expected to begin operation about the middle of 1946, a hosiery mill employing about 150 persons, has been planned for Wilmington it was learned yesterday.

Announcement of plans for the early construction on Greenfield street between 7th and 8th of a modern, air-conditioned plant to house the 300 Scott and Wilson, seamless nylon machines that the Port City Mills anticipates using, came from a spokesman for Industrial Properties, Inc., a non-profit Wilmington organization which promotes new enterprises here.

The Port City Mills, a division of Majord Hosiery Mills of New York, will occupy the \$100,000-plus plant about June 1, it was announced. Construction of the plant is expected to begin about Jan. 1. Builders will be the C. M. Guest and Sons company, industrial contractors, of Greensboro and Anderson, S. C.

Temporarily, Port City Mills is operating on a small scale in the old shipyard employment building at Third and Mars-ellar streets.

Its new plant will have a capacity for approximately 200,000 dozen pairs of nylon hose, annually, Michael C. Brown, local office manager of the company reported today. The number of seamless hosiery machines will be several times the 50 similar machines now being used in the Third and Mars-ellar installation.

The Majord company, one of the world's largest manufacturers of women's largest manufacturers of women's hose, is a New York concern with national distribution. It operates several other plants in North Carolina.

At the present time, its Port City subsidiary is producing nylon and rayon hose in the Third and Mars-ellar plant. The plant is operated mainly, however, as a training school for operators who will have charge of hose-making machines in the new plant. A. C. Gregg, a veteran of 30 years in the hosiery manufacturing business, is plant superintendent here.

Industrial Properties, Inc., headed by W. G. Thornton, Wilmington

Hoffman Has Way To Save Money—He Don't Spend It!

By ARTHUR EDSON AP Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Everybody says his living costs soared during the war. Everybody, that is, except Rep. Hoffman (R.-Mich.).

Hoffman said in a recent House speech that it doesn't cost him a dime more to live than it did in 1941.

Furthermore, it's his opinion that "about half the people in the country" could get by just as cheaply if they only would follow the Hoffman formula.

By ALLEN V. DOWLING United Press Staff Correspondent

DETROIT, Dec. 3.—President Truman's personal appeal to end the paralyzing General Motors strike appeared headed for failure tonight, but results will not be known definitely before Saturday.

R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO), said 200 representatives of the 175,000 striking union members will assemble in Detroit Saturday to "answer the President" with a decision "based on the democratic vote of the strikers."

Speaking for the UAW top command, however, Thomas said "we do not like the President's proposal" and asserted that Mr. Truman's recommendations to Congress "threatened the foundations of democracy."

Thomas was supported by Walter P. Reuther, mastermind of the General Motors strike and vice president of the powerful UAW. "If I were a plant member," Reuther said, "I would certainly not be willing to go back to work with only the President's proposal as a basis for settlement."

"I would vote to continue the strike," Company officials did not comment. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

CITY MANAGERS NAME YANCEY AS HEAD OF STATE ORGANIZATION

RALEIGH, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Henry A. Yancey, City Manager of Greensboro, was re-elected president of the North Carolina City Managers Association at the closing session of a two-day meeting here today.

City Manager C. H. Helms of Morganton was re-elected secretary.

Col. Wiley M. Pickens, executive director of the North Carolina Veterans Commission, was the principal speaker at the morning session, urging municipalities to provide veterans' centers, and to generally assist veterans in rehabilitating themselves once they return home.

A luncheon session was followed by an informal discussion of problems in the municipal field. These included the rising costs of manpower and materials, retirement plans, taxicab operation and regulation, and federal aid to airports.

Nationalist Army Closes On Key City IN MUKDEN

By SPENCER MOOSA AP Press Staff Writer

CHUNGKING, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Chinese Nationalist forces advancing in Manchuria were reported within 30 miles of the important city of Mukden today and their commander said, "we expect to be in Harbin in a month or so."

Chinese Central News Agency said press dispatches reporting the new gains said air transportation troops farther into Manchuria would start next week.

An Associated Press dispatch from Peiping said that Nationalist officials, who had fled from Changchun, Manchurian capital, in mid-November for fear that Russian withdrawal would leave them at the mercy of the Chinese Communists, were preparing to return tomorrow and take over the government.

School Pupils Pray For Vacant Apartment

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Some 600 pupils of St. Peter's parochial school in Brooklyn prayed to St. Anthony today for the Walsh family find a room apartment.

Theresa Carmel, the principal, asked her pupils to pray after Ann Marie Walsh told how her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walsh, and nine brothers and sisters had been evicted from their flat because they were a month and a half behind in rent.

The Walshes—an even dozen of them—are now squeezed into two rooms of a neighbor's house.

Chinese Communists No Opposition To Change In Manchuria

Among these officials is Chiang Chung-Kuo, eldest son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. He said he would discuss with the Russians the projected airborne Nationalist troop movement.

Credible reports in Chungking said that the Russians already had undertaken to protect the airfields at Changchun and Mukden but that the Nationalists had appealed to them to guarantee rail transit as well because airborne operations could not be on a sufficiently large scale to ensure Nationalist invulnerability to Communist attacks.

The Russians, who have agreed to stay in Manchuria until Jan. 3 so that the Nationalists can consolidate in the viable territory, apparently have made no commitments to admit the Nationalists anywhere except Mukden and Changchun.

Some Nationalist sources here alleged that the Russians still were siding the Communists, but Lt. Gen. Tu Yu-Ming, supreme Nationalist commander in the Northeast, said he had found no evidence that any foreign power was giving his opponents material help.

Speaking to Associated Press correspondent Olen Clement at advanced headquarters in Chinhsien, Manchuria, General Tu said he expected the opposition to collapse within two months because of lack of organization and supplies.

"I do not expect any large-scale fighting anywhere in Manchuria," General Tu told Clement, adding (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

VARGAS' CANDIDATE TAKES EARLY LEAD IN BRAZIL VOTING

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Army General Eurico Dutra, backed by former President Getulio Vargas, took an early lead today over three opponents in returns from Sunday's presidential elections in Brazil in which seven persons were killed.

Dutra and Air General Eduardo Gomes, leader of the anti-Vargas forces, were easily outdistancing their civilian opponents on the basis of the unofficial returns. It was Brazil's first election for president in 15 years.

Returns from 10 states gave Dutra 7,484 votes; Gomes, 5,226; Yeddo Fuza, Communist party candidate, 2,324, and Mario Rolim Telles, Agarian party candidate, 40.

Gomes held the lead in six states, which have a total of 1,564,924 registered voters, while Dutra led in four states with a registered vote of 3,895,613. It was estimated that from 75 to 90 per cent of all those registered in the country cast ballots.

Dutra was showing early strength in small cities and rural areas where the long-established Vargas political machine was least affected by the ousting of the former president from office last Oct. 29.

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Arab League To Throttle Zion Goods

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"This political purpose is the motive behind Jewish industry and commerce in Palestine. This purpose is not realizable except by the exploitation of markets in Arab countries."

The boycott was the development of League meetings which began here Nov. 20, and numerous conferences between leaders of the League and of Arab parties in Palestine.

Without indicating their nature, Azzam said the League was prepared to take additional steps if necessary to combat Zionist aims. He said a League committee would be formed to coordinate the carrying out of the boycott and to recommend "any new steps necessary for realization of the Arab purpose of repelling the danger of Zionist economic."

Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Yemen, Transjordan and Syria are member states of the Arab League. Arab groups in Palestine are represented in its councils.

Azzam called upon non-League Arab states to join in the boycott. He specifically exempted the product. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

RUSSIA REJECTS U. S., IRAN PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The State Department announced tonight that Russia had rejected the American suggestion that Allied troops be withdrawn from Iran by Jan. 2.

Michael J. McDermott, special assistant to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, said, however, that the Russian rejection does not "change the fact that Russia and Britain are committed by their dual pact with Iran to evacuate troops from Iran by March 2."

The United States requested both Britain and Russia to join it in withdrawing all troops by the first of the year with the hope of ending unrest in Iran.

Iran officials contend that the crux of the trouble there is the presence of Allied military forces. They have criticized Russia specifically for preventing the reinforcement of garrisons in northern Iran which are fighting insurgents.

The State Department withheld the text of the Russian reply pending its publication in Moscow and London.

The United States revealed recently that its military forces have been reduced to some 6,000 service troops. It said these will be withdrawn by Jan. 1.

Gold Star Mother To Get Gardenia From Army Camp

CAMP WHEELER, Ga., Dec. 3.—(AP)—A gardenia bush from Georgia will soon be on its way to Kentucky to remind a Gold Star mother of her son's farewell gesture.

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Hiroshima Trolleys Run Again



Keeping an eye on things, a jeepload of officers (left) from the U. S. S. Appalachian watch Jap civilians and ex-soldiers as they line up to board one of the trolleys that have just started to run again in atom-bombed Hiroshima. The devastation wrought by the bomb is still apparent in all sections of the city. (International Soundphoto)

FBI Reported Trailing Russian Secret Agent

SCIENTIST SAYS WORLD WARS OVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Dr. Vannevar Bush expressed the cheering belief today that "the atomic bomb means the end of world war."

The scientist who directed the development of this and other weapons as head of the National Defense Research committee and the Office of Scientific Research and Development predicted it would take a long time to set up atomic controls.

But he told the special Senate committee on atomic energy that all the nations now want a long peace and this period can be used to develop control machinery. He said that two nations armed with atomic bombs would not consider going to war against each other because the consequences would be "too terrible."

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) observed that Dr. Bush's optimistic testimony was encouraging after the "Gloomy Gus witnesses" who had made the committee room a "chamber of horrors."

Dr. Bush said that his scientists developed the powerful incendiaries but there was some question about the use of them against cities because they would kill so many civilians in order to destroy factories.

Dr. Bush said the same question of widespread civilian deaths attached to the use of the atomic bomb but that he had no doubts about its use because "I knew it would end the war."

The scientist said the first task for the United States was to set up effective domestic controls as a pattern for possible world use of atomic energy. This would be a long and trying process, he added, requiring wisdom of the Congress and administrators placed in control under legislation.

Progress will be slow, Dr. Bush conceded, on the international side of control but he noted that the easiest way to solve any difficult problem was to "attack at the point easiest of solution."

"There is no danger of war breaking out until we can work this out," he said. "We can't do it in a moment or by wishful thinking."

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Indonesians Under Shell Bombardment

FROM WARSHIPS Reports Say High Allied Officials To Decide Future Measures Of War

By JOHN BOWER United Press Staff Correspondent

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 3.—Reports circulated today that high Allied officials, headed by Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, would meet in Singapore Wednesday to decide on "practical measures" needed to quell revolting Indonesian Extremists in the Netherlands East Indies.

As British warships again shelled Extremist positions in the Semarang area of central Java, and the summer capital of Bandoeng, 75 miles southeast of Batavia, was reported under a virtual state of siege, the Aneta news agency said that during the past 48 hours the British army had been operating under a "pacetime news blackout," similar to those known only during vital wartime campaigns.

Aneta said that according to unconfirmed reports Mountbatten, Allied supreme commander in Southeast Asia, was arranging the Singapore meeting and had invited Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, British commander of Allied forces in the NEI and British Rear Adm. R. W. Patterson, Allied naval commander. It was also reported that the acting Governor General of the NEI, Dr. Hubertus J. Van Mook, might attend.

The agency said the meeting would "deal with the practical measures the Java situation now requires." It also reported that representatives of the Netherlands Indies government and the self-

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BURLEY TOBACCO SELLS AT \$53.60

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Unofficial prices were \$53.60 per hundred as the Asheville burley tobacco market opened its 16th season today.

Sales Supervisor R. A. Witherington estimated that the sale, expected to last into February, would total a record 10 million pounds and put five million dollars in the pockets of tobacco farmers in this western North Carolina area.

Miss Cleo Hope Whitson, 17, Ramseyn, Yancey county, queen of the sale, was on hand to officially open the event.

Mrs. Francis Rogers Williams of Haywood county, last year's queen, auctioned the first basket which brought \$1.05.

Largest individual lot of the day, weighing 700-pound, was owned by R. Z. Reeves, Jr., brought \$408.

J. W. Duckett, Leicester, Route 1, received the first check, his gross amounting to \$463.50.

Addition of two new warehouses brings to six the total to be used during the sales.

Sales will be conducted daily from Monday through Friday from 10 a. m. to noon and from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m.

The 14th Annual Tobacco Jubilee luncheon will be held Wednesday (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

Newspaper Claims Man Has Many Details On Atomic Energy

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The New York Journal-American said today in a copyrighted story that for the last two years the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been trailing a Russian secret service agent "who, it is believed, may have obtained atomic bomb secrets."

The New York FBI office said it had no comment on the story.

The paper said FBI agents found a package in the agent's room in Chicago in 1943 that "was found to contain highly confidential details of atomic development."

The paper said the agent was living now in a midtown hotel and was surrounded by a squad of FBI men, operating on a 24-hour basis. "It did not give his name."

The Journal-American said the agent entered the United States from Canada in 1938 and carried (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

NEW ORLEANS UNION LEADERS SEND FORTH SOS TO MEMBERSHIP

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—(AP)—All American Federation of Labor workers were summoned today to a mass meeting Thursday night by a notice which said that "a state of emergency now exists in New Orleans."

A spokesman explained that the session was called in connection with the situation at the Higgins Industries, Inc., boat-building plants.

Andrew J. Higgins, Sr., company president, has announced that the company would be liquidated as the result of labor difficulties with the AFL.

But Higgins has been hiring workers again at one of the plants with the explanation that they will be used to complete existing contracts.

The mass meeting was called by the New Orleans AFL councils.

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Eisenhower Steals Show At Big White House Tea

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Asked how he liked his new job as Chief of Staff, Eisenhower replied: "Remember, this is my first day."

Mrs. Truman, standing in the oval red room, received her guests in two sets of 200 each. She wore a black frock with a draped skirt, caught at the hip by a large gold buckle.

Margaret Truman, wearing a blue-green velvet dress and a black coat. He talked antelope hunting with (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

17 SHOPPING DAYS Left Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS