

North Carolina - Fair and mild Saturday. Sunday increasing cloudiness and continued mild followed by rain and colder in mountainous section late Sunday afternoon and evening.

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Real Estate Prices Face Restriction

TRUMAN ANNOUNCES

Government Planning Controls To Halt Inflationary Boom

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—President Truman revealed today that the government is planning to bring real estate under price control to halt an inflationary boom.

He also told his news conference that priority controls on building materials soon will be restored. He said he had hoped to make the announcement today but arrangements were not completed in time.

The move is intended to help relieve the critical housing shortage. Controls will channel materials into the construction of residential units.

The President said the worst threat of real estate inflation is in small dwellings. He said that no specific plan has been worked out yet, but that something will have to be done to keep prices within bounds.

The decision to take emergency measures was made by reconstruction Director John W. Snyder, who only a few months ago ordered the removal of all restrictions on home construction.

John B. Blandford, National Housing Administrator, meanwhile proposed an immediate needs of reconstruction of new homes "at double the rate this country has ever achieved."

He urged maximum of existing housing for veterans; construction of at least 500,000 moderately priced homes in crowded cities during 1946; and comprehensive housing legislation to help end over-crowding, reduce slum dwellings and rebuild cities.

GOVERNORS MOVE TO PROTECT GAIN

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Southern Governors moved today to protect their new freight rate schedule from a northern attempt to have it nullified.

The Southern Governors' Conference authorized J. V. Norman, of Louisville, Ky., chief counsel for southern states in proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission, to intervene in a court action by nine northern states seeking nullification of the ICC ruling which favored the south.

The conference also continued its existence a steering committee of five governors which was organized in connection with the campaign before the ICC.

Looking toward the educational as well as the industrial advancement of their section, the governors received a report recommending that southern states pool their resources for higher education in order to make the best facilities available to all students.

The report urged a planned development of facilities on a regional basis, since no one state was held financially capable of caring for all types of educational needs alone. The program would include various forms of mutual aid whereby a student from one cooperating state could go cheaply to another for courses not available in his home state.

The freight rate schedules which northern states are attacking will go into effect January 1, barring adverse court action. They call for reductions of ten per cent in rates for various manufactured articles moving within southern and

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WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)
(U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday:

Temperatures
1:30 a. m. 44; 1:30 p. m. 38; 1:30 p. m. 56; 7:30 p. m. 50
Normal 50

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 89; 1:30 p. m. 98; 1:30 p. m. 58; 7:30 p. m. 58

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—.00 inches.
Since the first of the month—

Tides For Today
From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington
High 12:27 p. m. 7:47 p. m.
Low 6:51 a. m. 3:28 p. m.
Savannah
High 10:51 a. m. 4:19 p. m.
Low 7:06 a. m. 3:03 p. m.
River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m., Friday, Dec. 7, 31.8 feet.

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NEW SECRETARY



JOHN H. FARRELL

CHAMBER ELECTS NEW SECRETARY

John H. Farrell Of Muskegon To Succeed Morris On January 1

John L. Morris, secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, has resigned his position effective Jan. 1, according to an announcement by C. M. Harrington, president of the organization, yesterday.

Named to succeed Morris was John H. Farrell, Muskegon, Mich. Morris did not divulge what industrial firm he has accepted a position with, saying the announcement would come from the office of the firm. He did say, however, that he was leaving Chamber of Commerce work to accept a job in industry.

In making the announcement, Harrington spoke highly of Morris' work during his tenure of service here, and stressed that it was through Morris' offer alone that the change was being made.

Farrell who is 46-years-of-age, comes to the local office of the Chamber of Commerce, highly recommended, both by his employers in Muskegon and by the United States Chamber of Commerce, Harrington said.

The new secretary has been engaged as industrial contract representative in the offices of the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce, and according to the local president, has compiled a favorable record there. He has watched the city of Muskegon boom through the war years and has been instrumental in the retaining many new industries in operation at that city, his record indicates.

A graduate of Lowell Textile Institute and the Georgetown University Foreign Service school, Farrell, who was born in Troy, N. Y., was for many years in the United States Department of Commerce and in textile industries in Massachusetts and Maryland.

During his service with the U. S. Department of Commerce Farrell served as commercial agent, assistant manager and manager of district offices in San Francisco, Wilmington, Del., Houston, Tex., New Orleans and Cleveland, O.

It was while employed in Wilmington, Del., that he started his Chamber of Commerce work, becoming manager of the Foreign division of that office. He was later called to Washington where he was instrumental in the setting up of some 30 National Recovery Administration agencies throughout the country.

He was employed at one time as export manager of the Cleveland Tractor company in Cleveland, and has worked on several United States Census enumerations.

Harrington stressed the fact that Farrell "knew his way around Capitol Hill" in Washington, and was equipped to administer any Washington work that might arise within the activities of the local chamber by "going direct to the proper source of information."

Advance information of Farrell's appointment was given by Harrington.

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TOP JAPS TO FACE TRIAL IN JANUARY PROSECUTOR STATES

TOKYO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—War crimes trials of top Japanese are scheduled to start in January, with former Premier Hideko Tojo high on the calendar for the proceedings at which death penalties probably will be asked, the American chief prosecutor disclosed today.

Joseph B. Keenan, special prosecutor newly arrived in Tokyo with his staff, said that Allied nations had been invited to nominate members of the court, which will be appointed by General MacArthur, and to participate in the prosecution, but that none had yet named such personnel.

Keenan said previous delays in starting the trials were to respect the rights of other nations and to show that the United States was not taking a high-handed attitude.

Speaking at a 30-minute press conference after a lengthy session with MacArthur, the gray-haired Keenan said the Japanese would be tried in groups, as in Germany, with "the accused presumed innocent until proved guilty."

PRISONERS PROTEST THEIR SHIPMENT TO RUSSIAN TERRITORY

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7.—(AP)—One hundred and sixty-seven interned Baltic today temporarily broke a hunger strike started two weeks ago in protest against their scheduled extradition to Russia as deserters of the German army.

The prisoners, a Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian, who had served with the Germans, were among 2,700 internees marked for deportation. They were too weak to be moved from Swedish hospitals when the Russian vessel sailed last weekend.

Hundreds of German officers and men also succeeded in delaying their deportation to Russian-occupied Germany by severe self-mutilation in a mass suicide attempt on the morning of their scheduled departure. Several killed themselves.

COMMITTEE PLANS TO OPEN HEARING

Evidence Pro, Con On Fact-Finding Bill Gets Underway Monday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The House Labor committee decided today to begin hearings Monday on the bill to give President Truman the authority he requested to set up fact-finding boards in serious labor disputes.

A committee spokesman said the hearings will be confined to top spokesmen of the government, organized labor and industry. Witnesses will include CIO President Philip Murray, AFL President William Green, President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers, Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach and representatives of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

Acting Committee Chairman Robert Ramspeck, D. Ga., has indicated that he wants the committee to approve the bill before the end of next week.

The bill would give the President the right to set up a fact-finding board whenever a labor dispute threatens the national interest. Organized labor is opposed because of the 30-day cooling off period during which labor could not strike.

HUGE MAJORITY FAVORS TRUMAN LABOR PLAN
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—President Truman's plan for fact-finding boards and a thirty day cooling off period before a major strike can begin, has overwhelming support from the general public.

A Gallup Poll conducted during the last forty-eight hours with the aid of the telegraph, finds more than eight in every ten persons questioned favoring Truman's proposal. However, the proportion believing that the proposal will necessarily reduce strikes is smaller.

The vote on the Truman proposal showed:
Favor, 85 per cent; oppose, 11 per cent; no opinion, 4 per cent.

As to whether the law would operate to reduce strikes, the vote is: yes, 70 per cent; no, 15 per cent; no opinion, 8 per cent.

MOTHER OF KIDNAPED CHILD RECEIVES NEW DEMAND FOR RANSOM

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A second telephone call demanding ransom money was received today by the mother of 6-month-old Ronald Carlan who was kidnaped from a carriage near his home nine days ago.

The call came from a Bowdoin Square cafe and was believed to have been made by the same man who telephoned a similar demand last night. Police rushed to the scene, but the man and his red-haired woman companion had left. A widespread search for the pair was begun.

Persons in the cafe said the man had called a Chelsea number. Mrs. Rose Carlan, the baby's mother, told police the man had advised her to go to a certain Back Bay theater at a certain time wearing a white dress, white hat and black coat.

However, Police Lt. John J. Kirby said he believed both calls were made by a crank, and he attached little significance to them.

College Girl Survey Shows Educated Miss Thinks That Finances Are Mere Man's Affair

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Bachelors! Here's a tip on what the well-educated miss thinks about running a home.

A survey among 672 college girls showed that you can be the definite ruler of the family budget if you hook up with one of the 503 girls who voted that finances were a man's affair. They said they'd leave it to hubby to manage the family's money matters.

"Big Three" Foreign Ministers Meet In Moscow; G-M Corp. Reported Under "Investigation"

Wage Parley Again Fails Of Decision

PLANTS STILL IDLE

Attorney General Clark Says Anti-Trust Angle Under Scrutiny

DETROIT, Dec. 7.—(AP)—As the factories of General Motors Corporation idled through a 17th consecutive day, representatives of management and strikers went into another huddle today over their wage dispute.

At the same time President R. J. Thomas of the striking CIO United Auto Workers announced the Department of Justice was investigating General Motors with a view to determining if GM was in violation of anti-trust laws.

Thomas said he had been informed by Attorney General Tom B. Clark that his department has been investigating "several anti-trust cases of the type you mention, among which is General Motors." The information came in a telegram from Clark, Thomas said.

The auto union asked the investigation last week at the time General Motors suggested operation of its parts plants during the strike in order to supply other automobile manufacturers. Thomas said this was "strong corroboratory evidence for a union belief that General Motors held a 'monopoly position' in the industry."

Thomas said Clark expressed himself as being "glad to receive any further information." The union chief said further information obtained by the UAW-CIO would be "immediately submitted."

General Motors' suggestion for parts plant operation in the strike received a conditional approval from the union, contained in a telegram signed in Thomas' name but which the union president later disclaimed as having been written by himself.

The letter, which Thomas said was written by a union public relations man, declared General Motors' offer would be studied to determine in what instances parts production was necessary for other manufacturers. The matter went no further.

Hope for a settlement returning 213,000 GM workers to the job received no encouragement prior to today's negotiations beyond a report from the union leadership that "another step forward" had

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Signs Pay For Old Travel Costs



Spanish-American war veterans who paid their own fares home after being discharged in the Philippines more than 40 years ago will get the money back under the bill shown being signed by President Truman (above). Looking on are Rep. Engle, Calif.; Capt. Tony Siminoff of Los Angeles, Sen. Ellender, La., and Rep. Phillips, Calif. (International)

Daniel E. Roberts Named N. A. L. Manager For City

LABORITES GIVE OKAY ON CREDITS

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Labor government leaders wholeheartedly approved the proposed \$4,400,000 United States loan to Britain today, but a small Conservative opposition in Commons moved that the financial agreement be rejected.

Backed by their overwhelming majority, and motivated by Britain's almost desperate need for dollar credits, Laborite leaders planned for Parliamentary approval of the loan next week along with passage of the Bretton Woods bill.

A government spokesman described the loan as "an agreement which will work," and admitted that Britain's only alternative would be "far worse than during the darkest periods of the war."

Opposition came from two Conservative members within an hour after the Bretton Woods bill was introduced for Parliamentary ratification, as proposed by the Washington conferees on the loan agreement.

Moving that both the Bretton Woods measure and the loan agreement be rejected, Conservative Robert Boothby, a wealthy manufacturer, declared that acceptance of the loan would abolish the sterling area; restore an international gold standard, and force Britain to

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FIRST CARGO VESSEL SINCE 1942, DUE TO REACH PORT TODAY

Arrival of the S. S. Pampero, a C-2 type freighter operated by the American-Hawaiian line, early today, inaugurates the resumption of service between west coast ports and Wilmington, suspended since early 1942.

The vessel, which docks at the Wilmington Terminal Warehouse Co., carries a general cargo for Wilmington, and is scheduled to leave for Norfolk sometime today. Originally scheduled to arrive in port here on December 12, the vessel is four days early.

WINTRY WIND SENDS BLUENOSED BERLIN ON HUNT FOR WOOD

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Bluenosed Berliners bundled up and shivered today in the city's first wintry blast. Temperatures dropped to 28 degrees Fahrenheit. There was no coal for civilian heating.

Men, women and children with saws and axes in increased numbers cut wood in Gruenevald forest and the Tiergarten. Scores of them were still packing bundles of wood along once fashionable streets long after dark.

In business offices clerks worked in heavy overcoats and pushed pencils with gloved hands.

YAMASHITA DEATH DATE NOT SET YET

Condemned Jap General Thanks Court For Fair Trial, Courtesy

MANILA, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Death on the gallows was decreed for Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita today by a five-General U. S. Military Commission which found him guilty of permitting monstrous atrocities by Japanese troops in the Philippines.

No date was set for the execution, which in accordance with American military law must await review of the Commission's findings by the Commander of Army forces in the western Pacific and confirmation by General MacArthur.

Yamashita's shoulders sagged as he heard the death sentence, but he straightened quickly and made a curt bow to the Commission. He listened stony-faced but his fingers drummed the table as Maj. Gen. Russell B. Reynolds slowly read the findings of the Commission, with the defendant's interpreter translating word by word into Japanese.

Before hearing the verdict, the conqueror of Malaya and one-time Japanese commander in the Philippines stood, visibly nervous, while the interpreter read this statement to the court:

"I wish to stand here today with a clear conscience and swear to God I am innocent of these charges. I wish to take this opportunity to express gratitude to the United States officers of the defense, brilliant and upright officers. I want to thank the commission for a fair trial."

Later he emphasized his gratitude toward his American captors. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

WOMAN DIES FROM ACCIDENT INJURY

Mrs. Theodore M. Solomon, 34, of 109 Ivey Drive, Sunset Park, died last night at 7:30 o'clock at James Walker Memorial hospital shortly after she was struck by an automobile said to have been driven by Joseph E. Adams, 34, of 506 Church St. Officers of the state highway patrol who investigated the accident said that Mrs. Solomon suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries. Hospital attaches said that their diagnosis was not complete.

The accident occurred about seven o'clock on the Carolina Beach road at Central Boulevard. Patrolmen stated that several eye witnesses told him that Mrs. Solomon, accompanied by her young daughter, attempted to cross the highway and walked from behind a parked automobile into the path of the Adams car. They also reported that Mrs. Solomon is said to have pushed her daughter out of the path of the approaching vehicle but failed to get across the road herself.

Eye-witness also stated that the car driven by Adams was not traveling at an excessive rate of speed when Mrs. Solomon was struck. No arrest was made.

A coroner's inquest is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12 at 3:00 o'clock.

Surviving are her husband, M. T. Solomon; one daughter, Janice Kay Solomon; parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morton, of Aberdeen; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Weaver, of Durham, and Mrs. R. J. Cook, of Kannapolis; and one brother, Capt. R. E. Morton, of Fort Belvoir, Va.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ward Funeral Home.

December 15 Date Set For New Meeting

INFORMAL TALKS

Future Control Of Atomic Energy Main Subject For Discussion

By ERNEST BARCELLA
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Foreign Secretaries of Great Britain, Russia and the United States will meet in Moscow Dec. 15, to discuss future control of atomic energy, the State Department announced tonight.

The department said the three ministers also will sit down to "informal and exploratory discussions on a number of other matters of current concern to the three countries."

The State Department emphasized that it would not be a meeting of Foreign Ministers Council, but rather a meeting of the three Foreign Ministers as provided in the Yalta Conference decision calling for quarterly sessions of the three officials.

The announcement came three hours after President Truman told a news conference that he was not familiar with a London report of such a meeting and that he did not know about it.

France and China, who have representatives on the Council of Foreign Ministers, were informed through their ambassadors here of the meeting.

A State Department spokesman said the Secretary of State James F. Byrnes would fly to Moscow. He did not know when the secretary would leave or who will accompany him.

The three ministers are expected to deal not only with atomic energy, about which the Russians will now have a chance to express their views to Britain and the United States, but such matters as:

1. The Balkan governments.
2. The control of Japan, particularly with reference to the American.

UNIONS TO HELP "E" BOND DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—National sales of E bonds in the Victory Loan drive today stood at \$1,214,000,000—61 per cent of the goal—as the AFL and CIO called upon organized labor to put over the E bond drive.

Today, overall sales totaled \$12,470,000,000—\$4,394,000,000 to individuals including the E-Bond sales, and \$8,076,000,000 in corporation sales. The formal counting period for corporation sales ends tomorrow at midnight but counting of purchases by individuals as a part of the Victory Loan drive continues until the end of the year.

The plea by the two major labor organizations was made in telegrams sent to union organizers and locals and called upon them to "do everything necessary to put the drive over the top by December 31." Although national sales of all securities to all investors exceeded the \$11,000,000,000 goal, the telegrams pointed out that the E bond goal of \$2,000,000,000 still must be met.

The union pleas quoted Secretary of the Treasury Vinson as saying that success in reaching the quota was "vital to the nation's welfare and to the meeting of this country's immediate obligations growing directly out of the war."

13 SHOPPING DAYS Left
Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS