

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy to cloudy today with occasional light rains. Highest temperature during the day, 65 degrees, lowest tonight 48. Sunday, continued warm, cloudy with possible occasional light rains.

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ON JAP BOARD



Moscow reports that Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet ambassador to the U. S., will represent Russia on the four-power Far Eastern Commission which will supervise the administration of Japan.

JAPS TO DISCUSS MACARTHUR ORDER

Shidehara Summons Cabinet To Emergency Session Late Today

TOKYO, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Premier Shidehara today summoned his cabinet to an emergency session tomorrow to consider General MacArthur's orders to purge the government of all who helped lead Japan to war.

Kyodo news agency, quoting "informed quarters," declared the orders would affect all members of the cabinet save Shidehara, Foreign Minister Shigeru Yoshida—once jailed for criticizing the war—and Dr. Chuzo Iwata, Minister of Justice.

"This practically means all members of the present Diet will not be able to run in the coming election," the agency quoted a member of the influential Progressive party as asserting.

Tokyo newspapers in the main interpreted the drastic order as a move to give Japan new leaders. Yomiuri-Hochi editorialized that Supreme Headquarters had found it necessary to act because the cabinet had done nothing on its own initiative.

The newspaper added that Emperor Hirohito himself would have to give attention to the problem of new leadership for Japan and initiate remedial steps.

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FLOATING KIT BAG PROVIDES MYSTERY

Finding of a soldier's duffel bag floating in Cape Fear river yesterday led military police and officers of the highway patrol on a search of this area to exhaust every possibility that the soldier to whom the bag belonged might have met with tragedy.

Investigating police reported yesterday that the duffel bag contained identification papers and a billfold bearing the name of Pvt. Jesse Johnson, Negro, whose address was given as Wade. The bag was fished from the waters of the river at a point just south of Market street.

Russell Borden took the bag from the river. The soldier was a member of the U. S. Army as late as August, 1945, according to information received by members of the Marine MP office here. There was some indication that he had been discharged from the services prior to Jan. 1, but nothing definite could be found.

Investigating officers of the Military Police and Highway department stated last night that a thorough search of all military installations of this area disclosed nothing to tell at what camp Johnson was last stationed.

The investigation continued last night with inquiries being made of the adjutant general's offices in Washington. A report from Washington was expected early today.

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. 44; 7:30 a. m. 43; 1:30 p. m. 59; 7:30 p. m. 54. Maximum 59; Minimum 42; Mean 48; Normal 47. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 72; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 71; 7:30 p. m. 56. Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—.4 inches. Total since the first of the month—.1 inches. Tides For Today (From The Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington — 11:20 a. m. 5:47 a. m. 11:20 p. m. 6:31 p. m. Masonboro Inlet — 8:49 a. m. 2:28 a. m. 4:59 p. m. 3:14 p. m. Sunrise 7:18 a. m.; Sunset 5:17 p. m.; Moonrise 9:04 a. m.; Moonset 7:27 p. m. River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m., Friday, Jan. 4, (no report) feet.

BRITAIN URGES MONTHLY RATE OF 1500 JEW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Britain has urged in a note to the Middle East Arab states that they agree to allow entry into Palestine of 1500 Jews a month, a reliable diplomatic source revealed tonight. The source said the note was in answer to refusal by the Arab nations of an earlier British request that Jewish immigration into Palestine be permitted to continue during hearings by the Anglo-American Commission on Palestine.

It was pointed out that Arab consent for further immigration is necessary since the quota of 75,000 Jews has been filled and the British white paper stipulated that immigration in excess of that number must be carried out in agreement with the Arabs. The disclosure came on the eve of the first meeting of the Anglo-American Commission.

Big, Little Inch Projects To Be Sold By Government

STATUS OF DAVIS STILL UNCERTAIN

The status of Camp Davis remained uncertain last night when headquarters at Camp Lejeune announced emphatically that "we do not know whether the present arrangement at Camp Davis is on a permanent or temporary basis."

The fact that about 400 Marines from Camp Lejeune now are garrisoned at Camp Davis to guard Army, Marine, and Dutch Marine materiel stored there "should not be construed as a permanent arrangement," the headquarters announcement stated.

"We do not know whether the present arrangement at Camp Davis is permanent or temporary," the headquarters announcement stated. "We want to be emphatic about this fact. All we know is that we have had directives from authorities to take over Camp Davis, but there is no indication from these directives as to whether we'll be there for 30 days, six months, or six years."

The statement was made to offset any inferences that have been made that Camp Davis is to be permanently garrisoned by the Marines. Headquarters said there have been no statements issued from Camp Lejeune intended to leave the impression that Camp Davis would become a permanent post manned by the Marines.

NATION OVER-BUYS VICTORY BONDS BY \$10,144,000,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The Victory Loan brought \$21,144,000,000 into the Treasury's tills, Secretary Vinson announced tonight.

In announcing the final figures for the eighth and last war loan, Vinson disclosed that every state made its E-bond quota and that the national sales, in all categories, were far above quotas. Vinson announced these final figures:

Total sales: \$21,144,000,000 or 192 per cent of the \$11,000,000,000 goal. Sales to individuals: \$6,776,000,000 or 169 per cent of the \$4,000,000,000 quota. Sales of E-bonds: \$2,204,000,000 or 110 per cent of the \$2,000,000,000 quota.

South Ranks High In U. S. In Educational Facilities

In discussing a recent article in "The State" regarding college and university facilities in the south and further information about the size of state appropriations for elementary and secondary education, Dr. J. T. Hoggard, chairman of the New Hanover School Board, last night described the figures disclosed as "good news."

Dr. Hoggard further stated, in connection with figures on Negro institutions of higher learning and the state appropriations for the school system, that "We in Wilmington are spending more proportionately on elementary and secondary school facilities for Negroes than on facilities for white students."

REORGANIZER



Donald Russell, above, assistant secretary of state in charge of administration, is directing the drafting of plans for extensive reorganization and expansion of the State Department. He formerly was a junior law partner of Secretary Byrnes in Spartanburg, S. C.

Taft Terms Talk "Left Wingish"

Republican Senator Ailsa Labels Truman Legislation Communistic

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL AP Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Senator Taft, R-Ohio, termed some of President Truman's legislative program "Communist" and "left wing" tonight and said "Congress ought to get credit for little delay."

That was part of his answer to the President's bid last night for more action and less talk in Congress on measures Mr. Truman recommended. Taft, chairman of the Senate Republican "steering" committee, broadcast over the NBC from Cincinnati.

"To summarize," he said, "the Truman program has been delayed because it is superficial and ill-considered, because it is a CIO-PAC program and not a Democratic program, because it adopts a philosophy with which the people do not agree."

The President and Taft apparently had struck in advance some of the sparks that would fly in this year's Congressional election campaign. The Senator's address was released here by the Republican National committee.

The President had appealed to the people to spur Congress on strike control and other legislation. He contended Congress had fallen down on the job of passing laws to handle economic problems that threaten domestic disaster.

Not all the reaction was as critical as Taft's. A number of Democratic lawmakers voiced approval of what he had said. A Republican Senator, Young of North Dakota, said the Chief Executive was justified in criticizing Congress.

The Presidential speech also produced a forecast from Senator E. Lender (D-La.) that strike-control

READING YOUR OWN OBITUARY HAS ITS POINTS—FOR LAUGHS

GALESBURG, Ill., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Charles Duncan, 65, not only failed to appear at his own funeral today but recovered fully from his own death and enjoyed reading his obituary. He'll be leaving St. Mary's hospital shortly.

David Duncan, 88, a retired farmer of Oneida, Ill., who was a patient in the same hospital and died New Year's Day, will be buried tomorrow. When David Duncan died some one mistakenly notified Charles Duncan's brother, Melvin, that Charles had died. Melvin, without seeing the body, made arrangements with an undertaker for a funeral today. Hours later Charles Duncan read his own obituary in a local newspaper, and said he enjoyed it no end. He got out of bed and telephoned his sister-in-law, Mrs. Melvin Duncan. "This is Charley," he said. "Who?" she gasped. "Charley, your brother-in-law."

Army Slows Down Return Of GI's From Overseas; Rail Union Orders Strike

White House Action Only Peace Hope

MEAT CUTTERS BUSY Secretary Anderson Recommends Price Boost To Avert Walkout

By The Associated Press Another union threatened yesterday to join the planned meat packing strike, a move that might completely tie up the industry and add 135,000 workers to the approximately 1,500,000 who may be idle soon in proposed work stoppages.

Also announced was a call for a railroad strike which a National Mediation Board spokesman said only White House intervention might avert. The St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad (Frisco) said switchmen, brakemen and conductors had called a strike for 6 p. m. (CST) Sunday. A railroad spokesman said the strike would involve 7,000 employees in nine midwestern states.

The new meat industry strike threat came from international officers of an AFL Meat Cutters union who said they would recommend that their 135,000 members join with 200,000 CIO workers in a general strike in the meat packing industry unless a substantial wage increase is offered before Jan. 11.

The CIO United Packinghouse Workers union has called a strike in 147 plants across the nation for Jan. 16 to enforce demands for 25 cents an hour wage boosts. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson disclosed at Raleigh, meanwhile, that he had recommended increased retail prices for meats in an effort to avert a strike in the meat packing industry.

The Secretary said workers in some packing plants had received wage increases but not in others. Price increases could be determined, he said, after a study of cases in which employees deserved wages. In Washington, top level Presidential advisers conferred on methods of preventing a strike in the packing industry. It was understood they discussed the effect of higher wages on prices, appointment of a fact-finding board and presumably the possibility of government seizure.

The AFL union involved in the packinghouse strike threat, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, sent a telegram to President Truman asking him to call a packing industry conference "to prevent a complete tieup of the entire meat packing industry."

4 KILLED, 88 HURT IN TEXAS "BLOWS"

PALESTINE, Tex., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Four persons were killed and 88 injured tonight when a tornado struck the Palestine area. First reports said the tornado was only 100 yards wide and that it hit in an area 3 to 4 miles south of Palestine.

Dead and injured were not immediately identified. A store was reported to have been blown down in Southview. Telephone and power lines in the residential areas of Palestine were reported down, but those in the business district were still in service. A small tornado that injured seven persons, derailed three cars of a freight train and damaged two farm houses struck near Decatur, 135 miles northwest of Palestine last afternoon. At least 50 persons were injured tonight when a tornado struck the Nacogdoches, Texas, area. The one Nacogdoches hospital was full of injured and the city hall was used as an emergency first aid station. The tornado passed through a Negro settlement west of the city, flattening nearly all of the houses. Power was out over the city. The Texas State Guard unit at Nacogdoches was mobilized. Boy Scouts and groups of citizens turned out to aid in relief work. Meanwhile, the community was lashed by a heavy rain which totalled more than two and one-half inches.

GOVERNOR TAKES IN ROOMERS



Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. White unpack their baggage in Ohio's executive mansion at Columbus after accepting Gov. Frank J. Lausche's offer to take in roomers during the housing shortage. White, 21-year-old war veteran, is enrolled at Ohio State University under the GI Bill of Rights. (AP Wirephoto).

Ray Recommends Approval Of Ports Survey Advance

State Authority Request Now Being Studied By Chief Engineer

WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Approval of the North Carolina State Ports Authority's application to the Federal Works Agency for a \$90,000 advance for preliminary survey of the state's potential water-borne tonnage and revenue and to prepare accurate cost estimates on development of its ports has been recommended by O. T. Ray, Atlanta, division engineer of the FWA, it was learned today.

The application is now being reviewed here by George Rounds, chief engineer of the FWA. He is expected to make a report on it soon. Officials of the FWA said the unusually large size of the project is requiring longer than average study by the engineers.

Application for the advance was filed by R. B. Page, chairman of the Authority, about Dec. 15. This action was taken under Title V of the War Mobilization and Conversion act of 1944, which authorizes the FWA to advance funds for worthy post-war projects. Fully endorsed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry, the application was filed after extensive work by the Authority. This included the successful negotiation of a contract with the firm of Robert and company, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., consulting architects and engineers, to make the state-wide survey. The application is now being reviewed here by George Rounds, chief engineer of the FWA. He is expected to make a report on it soon.

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Greeks Will Celebrate Age-Old Epiphany Rites

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Doffing war worries, sponge fishermen and their families who compromise the Greek Orthodox community here will celebrate the age-old rites of the Eastern church in observance of Epiphany Sunday. Archbishop Athenagoras, the titular head of the church in North and South America, will lead the historic sanctification ceremony, together with a retinue of priests, deacons and acolytes. For the Grecian spongers here, however, Epiphany this year, is more than a joyous occasion for it has brought peace to their homeland. Early in the war they saw Greece and the islands of their

Enlistments Fail To Fill Needed Quota

THREE-MONTH DELAY Hundreds Of Men Eligible For Discharge Must Wait Return Home

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The Army today slowed down the return of soldiers from overseas. The action may cause a delay up to three months in the homecoming of a soldier on foreign service eligible for discharge. The priority in which troops will be returned, however, is unchanged.

Lt. Gen. Joseph Lawton Collins explained that voluntary enlistments and the draft had failed to supply enough replacements. "Our overseas forces would be dangerously under-strength in occupying hostile countries if all eligible men were to be returned before sufficient replacements had arrived," he told a news conference.

Under the revised program, approximately 1,553,000 men will be shipped home during the next six months, whereas three months would suffice were all available shipping used. The rate will be cut from the current 800,000 or more monthly to about 300,000 a month.

Collins, Army Director of Information, said that in no case "should this delay any man in the theaters more than three months beyond the time he became eligible for discharge." Collins also disclosed that the planned strength of the Army for next July 1, now was 1,550,000, a reduction of about 400,000 from estimates made last September. Its distribution would be as follows:

Overseas—Europe (including Italy) 335,000; Pacific (including Japan) 375,000; other areas, 87,000; Filipino troops undergoing training, 50,000.

RESORT TOWN'S FINANCES SOUND

The Town of Wrightsville Beach has finished the first six months in the fiscal year 1945-46 in an extremely sound financial condition and with a record of tax collections that would be the envy of many larger towns.

With a net cash balance of 19,249.45 as of Jan. 1, the town has collected 76 per cent of a net tax levy for 1945 of \$31,730.20, or \$23,846.20, according to a report yesterday by R. L. Benson, town clerk.

With no delinquent ad valorem taxes outstanding prior to 1945, only \$140.80 is still uncollected for that year, and \$650.16 left from 1944, Benson said. The water and sewer department has expended during the period from July 1, \$10,365.43 of its annual budget of \$20,394. Total collections against the budget are \$11,135.74. The cash balance on the department as of Jan. 1 is \$10,929.34, he stated.

WILL STAND PAT

Star-News Bureau Washington, D. C. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(Special) — Representative J. Bayard Clark, of Fayetteville, one of six southern Democrats who blocked FEPC legislation in the Rules committee last summer, said today the group would "more adamantly" against the bill as the result of President Truman's speech. Clark left this afternoon for home as the Pearl Harbor investigating committee of which he is a member, recessed until Jan. 15.