

FORECAST
Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy slightly colder today. Wednesday cloudy and moderately cold.

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Extremists Slay Groups Of Hostages

GREECE IN TURMOIL

Destroyer Crete Opens Fire On Royalists Forces In Kalamai

ATHENS, Jan. 21.—(P)—Fourteen hostages have been killed by members of an extreme right wing group who have barricaded themselves in a mountain village 10 miles northwest of Kalamai (Kalamata) after rejecting a surrender ultimatum, the Greek government said tonight.

The ultimatum gave the insurgents until 4 p.m., tomorrow to surrender or be attacked by government troops.

In Kalamai itself, order was restored fully, after the substantial reinforcements, but skirmishing was reported on the outskirts of the city between government forces and rebel monarchist groups.

Minister of Public Order Stamatios Merkouris ordered troops and gendarmes to rescue 150 hostages who were held in the barricaded mountain position by the right wing insurgents. The bishop and mayor of Kalamai appealed without success for release of the hostages, taken in a Kalamai raid yesterday.

Merkouris said earlier a state of near anarchy had engulfed the area of Kalamai and that martial law had been proclaimed in southern Peloponnessus. The Greek destroyer Crete opened fire on forces of the Royalists in Kalamai.

The monarchists, reported to number about 2,200 men, were said to be well equipped. Most of them were uniformed, the minister said.

Merkouris dispatched a battalion of motorized troops and 200 police to the port city after armed members of the monarchist organization identified by the symbol "X" seized 200 civilians in a bloody raid yesterday.

Centering their attacks on police headquarters, the raiders freed 32 suspects who had been held in the left-wing EAM (National Liberation front) last week.

SLEET, SNOW, RAIN PLAGUE SEABOARD

By The Associated Press

Sleet, snow and chill rains plagued the Atlantic states yesterday as far south as Georgia and a mass of cold air from the northern plains brought sub-freezing weather to the midwest.

A sleet storm struck New York state as a general snowfall changed to frozen rain and traffic was snarled. Snow blanketed New England.

Snow also fell in eastern Kentucky, Ohio and the Great Lakes region. The cold air mass pushing eastward and southward from the great plains promised a continuation of the cold snap.

The weather was about normal on the Pacific coast, but cold in the northern Rockies, and snow also fell in west Texas and eastern New Mexico.

Temperature minimums ranged from five to ten degrees below zero in northern Maine and from 10 to 25 degrees in New York.

Sub-freezing temperatures also were reported in the Carolinas and the middle Atlantic states.

Sub-zero weather tightened winter's grip in the northern plains states.

Thousands of subway riders in New York city were delayed by ice snarling trains on the Third Avenue elevated line and the Flushing and Astoria elevated divisions of Interborough Rapid Transit.

Some minimum temperatures were: Boston 14, New York 25, Chicago 6, Cincinnati 28, Washington 19, Charleston, S. C., 43, Atlanta 35, Miami 59, Little Rock 34, Dallas 37, Denver 14, Kansas City 16, Duluth, Minn., -14, Minneapolis -4, Seattle 42, and Burbank, Calif., 44.

WEATHER

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

Temperatures
1:30 a.m., 46; 7:30 a.m., 39; 1:30 p.m., 42; 7:30 p.m., 48.
Maximum, 54; minimum, 38; mean, 51; normal, 46.

Humidity
1:30 a.m., 98; 7:30 a.m., 100; 1:30 p.m., 96; 7:30 p.m., 96.

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., .17 inches.
Total since the first of the month, .36 inches.

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

Wilmington	High	Low
	1:25a. 8:15a.	5:15p. 8:47p.

Masonboro Inlet
11:14a. 4:55a.
11:44p. 5:23p.

Sunrise, 7:15a.; sunset, 5:33p.; moonset, 10:47p.; moonrise, 10:37a.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a.m. Monday, 21.5 feet.

Food For First Steel Strike



When workers at the Jones and Laughlin Steel plant in Pittsburgh staged a walk-out in advance of the national steel strike, employees arriving for varying shifts turned away—but left behind their lunches for the men and women of the picket line. (International)

Reconversion Move By Japanese Halted

KIMMEL CHEERED BY SPECTATORS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(P)—Admiral Husband E. Kimmel concluded his testimony to a Senate House investigating committee today to the applause of spectators after repeating his view that responsibility for the Pearl Harbor disaster lay in Washington.

"I think if I had known all that was known in Washington I would have anticipated such an attack," he said.

In his sixth day as a witness, Kimmel also testified:

1. He held no "ill will" against the late President Roosevelt for removing him as Pacific Fleet commander after Japan's attack.

2. In the summer of 1941—months before the war—American warships escorted a Dutch vessel from Pearl Harbor to New Guinea. As he recalled, Kimmel said, it carried American fliers bound for China.

3. The late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, making a personal inquiry at Pearl Harbor within a week after the attack, had insisted that a message was sent to Kimmel and Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the Asiatic fleet, the night before the Sunday morning raid.

MacArthur Puts Stop To War Machinery Profit-Making Plan

TOKYO, Jan. 21.—(P)—Japanese efforts to engineer an undercover reconversion of war production machinery to peacetime production were halted today by General MacArthur, who seized nearly 400 war plants and ordered the government to cease removal of equipment from their premises.

The seized plants included 265 aircraft and parts factories listed by the Allied Reparations Commission as "first priority material" for removal to other nations, and 129 other factories, navy arsenals, and war laboratories.

MacArthur ordered cancellation of all previously-issued permits for reconversion of individual factories, except those "immediately and absolutely essential to the civil economy."

Guards were placed on the seized properties and their commanders were instructed to remember that the plants probably would be taken as reparations "and consequently should not be allowed to acquire importance in the Japanese economy."

H. D. Maxwell of Tacoma, deputy chief of the American Reparations (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

SALT LAKE SPEAKER URGES COORDINATE COMMUNITY COUNCILS

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 21.—(P)—Mrs. H. C. McShane of Salt Lake City, Utah, chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, today called for establishment of coordinate community councils to deal with problems resulting in child delinquency.

Mrs. McShane proposed the program at the presidents' and secretaries' conference and the national executive committee session of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Euga A. Campbell of Homer, La., chairman of the national child welfare committee, advocated "a return to a greater spiritual influence in the home and in the life of the people, with the hope that more children will be reached with spiritual training."

Mrs. Walter G. Craven of Charlotte, N. C., president of the auxiliary, presided at today's session of the conference.

Churchill Prison Break Caused Dutch No Worries

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 21.—(P)—Karel W. Booy, 82, recalled here today he was given an "awful bawling out" 46 years ago for letting Lt. Winston Churchill of the South African Light Horse, and war correspondent, escape from a makeshift prison at Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal.

Booy, who came here six years ago from Kansas City, explained, "I was working on a railroad construction job in the Transvaal when the war broke out and all the Dutch civilians in Africa were put under military orders.

"I was loading master at Pretoria, but had to double as a guard.

THUMBING HIS WAY, GI MAKES HONOLULU IN NEW RECORD DASH

HONOLULU, Jan. 21.—(P)—Staff Sgt. Harrison Jones of Charleston, S. C., is believed to have set some sort of a record in thumbing his way from Charleston to Honolulu in five days.

The 28-year-old veteran, with more than eight years service in the Army, was discharged last November at Fort Bragg, N. C.

He wanted to return to Pearl Harbor as a civilian Navy employe and join his wife in Honolulu. But red tape was too much.

So Jones re-enlisted as a staff sergeant, but before his furlough ended he hitched a ride on a Navy plane from Charleston to Atlanta. An ATC plane took him to San Antonio and a Marine plane to Los Angeles. There, some fast talking got him aboard a C-54 bound for Honolulu.

Now he's back with his old quartermaster company after arranging to be assigned here.

PRICE CONTROLS DECLARED "MUST"

Reconversion Director Snyder Says Production Levels To Increase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(P)—The nation's level of production is the "highest it has ever been in any peacetime year and there is every indication that it will go higher," Reconversion Director John W. Snyder reported today.

But this "very real progress" in reconversion has not yet shown itself in goods in stores and showrooms, Snyder notified President Truman and Congress, and this creates an inflationary pressure which will not abate through 1946.

Unemployment, while only half as severe as expected, will hit its peak in early spring simultaneously with the strongest upsurge of inflationary forces, he predicted in a year-end report sent to Capitol Hill along with Mr. Truman's message to the Congress.

The threat of rising prices while millions are jobless and without earnings, he said, makes it imperative that Congress immediately extend the Price Control Act which otherwise will expire on June 30.

"We cannot afford an economic Pearl Harbor," Snyder said in his strongest appeal to date for continued holding of the price line.

"It would be foolhardy not to recognize that the excess of demand over supply throughout the economic system may continue far beyond June 30."

While production for civilian use already is at an annual rate \$20,000,000,000 greater than it was four months ago, he reported, the basic need to meet both the inflation and unemployment problems is greater production.

"We must race to expand our output. We must smother inflation with a steady stream of goods. We must speed up the wheels of industry to create the jobs our workers and veterans need."

Joblessness now is estimated at 2,000,000 persons, compared with the 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 that the administration expected, the reconversion director said.

At its highest point, unemployment will not reach the 8,000,000 level which was forecast officially, he continued. Noting that the rise which followed V-J day cutbacks was reversed within 90 days, he said "all indications point" to a continued climb in industrial employment.

The report blamed labor strife for retarding mass output of some major items, but said high production of automobiles, refrigerators and other durable goods for consumers "could not have been achieved by this time, in any case."

Some manufacturers will hold back goods from the market deliberately, Snyder said, if they suspect that price control will be lifted from their products at mid-year.

"The belief that prices will rise gives businessmen a powerful in-

SECURITY COUNCIL FACES NEW TESTS

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(P)—Russia asked the United Nations Security Council tonight to consider the troubled situation in Greece, and the Soviet Ukraine requested that the Indonesian situation also be placed before the council.

Thus two fresh international disputes, in addition to the complaint lodged earlier by Iran against Russia, confronted the Security Council—set up only last week as the United Nations' organ empowered to keep the world's peace by force, if necessary.

Earlier the Political and Security committee of the United Nations Assembly approved establishment of a special commission to devise controls for atomic energy, shortly after a United States delegate

COUNTY TO AID BEACH PUBLICITY

Deeming the development of New Hanover beaches a definite way in which to increase the taxable values for the county, Addison Hewlett Sr., chairman of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday told members—the opportunity for development surpasses anything he had ever seen.

The board yesterday voted advertising appropriations for Carolina and Wrightsville beaches at a meeting devoted to consideration of a state request for title to the county stockade and favorable action on petitions for county road improvements.

In answer to requests from Carolina Beach's preparation for the spokesmen, the board voted each appropriations of \$250 for advertising in bulletins, newspapers, radio and billboards. It also granted Carolina Beach another police officer for the summer season, to conform with the law enforcement arrangement at Wrightsville.

J. Remon Robinson, Wrightsville Beach, appeared in behalf of that resort, and Carolina Beach was represented by Walter Blair and other town officials.

In an effort to further aid Carolina Beach's preparation for the coming season, the commissioners

ALONG THE CAPE FEAR

LOWER RATES

While the average Wilmingtonian knows with justifiable pride that this city enjoys very low freight rates compared with other cities of the state, few perhaps are aware that the city has had advantageous rates for many a year now—134 of them to be exact. Yesterday "Along The Cape Fear" discovered that away back in 1812, salt passed through the port of Wilmington at a rate of 10 cents per bushel less than the rate on the commodity at Ocracoke.

CHANNEL WORK

For many years, residents of the lower Cape Fear had a tough task interesting authorities in the Cape Fear as a transportation outlet but in 1829, the powers be of that time, succeeded in getting the first Federal appropriation for channel dredging. \$20,000 annually for 16 years was appropriated and by 1847, a depth

Along The Cape Fear

of 13 feet at high tide had been obtained. In 1854, the Federal grant for Cape Fear river work had mounted to \$140,000.

FIRST SAILING SHIP

The first sailing ship ever built here was launched on June 5, 1833. The owner was John K. McIlhenny and he named the fullrigged, 316-ton ship for his daughters, Eliza and Susan. After several years of river service, the "Eliza and Susan" ended up in the whaling trade of the Pacific and carried in her reserve tanks, Cape Fear river water which was then noted for its purity.

ELECTRIFIED

Wilmington's first street railway system, about which this column told you the other day, was electrified by the owners, the Wilmington Street Railway company in 1891. The company power house was located on the water front at Orange street.

Steel Strike Threatens To Paralyze U.S.; Truman Asks Higher Pay Program

President Sees Slash In Big Debt

TRADE OUTLOOK GOOD

Lower Prices, Unchanged Taxes Urged In Annual Message To Congress

By The Associated Press

The state of the union: Truman proposes higher pay, lower prices. No tax cuts. Asks Congress to approve 21 former, 5 new legislative measures.

Voices concern over strikes. Names inflation as chief domestic problem. Sees good business outlook, but possible pitfalls. Warns against disunity. Pledges U. S. to help build peace based on justice as much as power.

THE BUDGET:

Forecast \$7,000,000,000 cut in national debt in next 18 months. Expenditures for next fiscal year estimated at \$35,800,000,000. Receipts \$31,500,000,000. Deficit, and debt reduction, to be paid from cash in the treasury.

Boston's Mayor Guilty Of Fraud



Found guilty on nine counts by a Federal District Court jury, James M. Curley, Boston's new Mayor, is pictured (left) with his son Leo Curley as they left the court house in Washington, D. C., after hearing the verdict. Curley and two co-defendants, Donald W. Smith and James G. Fuller, were charged with mail fraud and conspiracy. (International)

Funds Will Provide New Home For Family

SECURITY COUNCIL FACES NEW TESTS

Spontaneous response to a Star-News sponsored plea for aid to Hubert Brewer, his wife and five children who were made homeless when their cottage burned to the ground last week, had resulted in raising the cash donation total to \$890.95 at 6 o'clock last night.

As a result the Brewers will have a new home replacing the one which was destroyed by fire. They plan to build on the same site and the money will help pay for materials.

Neighbors will furnish labor to construct their new home, this having been promised by those who first came to the aid of the unfortunate family.

A temporary home for the Brewers has been furnished by the Wilmington Housing authority, through the courtesy of R. B. Page, publisher of the Star-News.

H. R. Emory, director of the authority, made available the house in Maffitt Village and Mr. Page paid the rent for one month. This will serve until the family's own residence has been rebuilt.

Donations of cash which have been received by the Star-News in compliance with Brewer's request will be deposited in a local bank and will be drawn against to finance lumber and builder's supplies costs. Also at Brewer's request an executive of the Star-News and another individual to be named by Brewer will have custody of the account.

As the cash continued to come into the newspaper office, other contributors brought in clothing and bedding for the hard-hit family. All the clothing—for five chil-

Freighter Flashes Distress Signals After Boiler Fails

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(P)—The Coast Guard Air-Sea Rescue Command said tonight distress signals were received at 6 p.m. (EST) from the 7,939-ton freighter Mormacmoon, bound for New York from Istanbul. Its position was given as approximately 300 miles north of Bermuda.

The Mormacmoon reported that during a fairly heavy south gale, boiler trouble developed and the ship was pounded by high waves. No casualties were reported, the Coast Guard said. The ship was carrying 99 civilian passengers but no soldiers.

Community Chest Starts 1946 With \$204,405.59

Funds available in the Community Chest fund as of Dec. 31, 1945 total \$204,405.59 it was announced at the joint meeting of the Community Chest and Community Council held last night in the Parish House of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

This figure, E. L. White, president of the Chest, explained, includes \$4,405.59, cash in bank; and \$100,000 each in invested funds and trust funds.

The organization is holding in trust \$137,972.47, less \$40,169.95 advanced to the National war fund which operates on a Jan. 1 to Jan. 1 fiscal year, leaving \$97,802.52.

Also included in the total are \$100,000 reserve for contingencies and \$7,053.07 unappropriated reserve funds.

Total pledges for 1945 reached \$189,971.31, which, allowing \$7,550 for shrinkage gave an expected collection of \$182,421.31. Collections to the first of the year actually totalled \$183,150.31 or 96.5 per cent of the total amount pledged.

The 1946 budget appropriation called for an expenditure of \$175,346 of which \$172,249.19 was expended with \$3,096.81 being turned over to the surplus fund.

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Meat Plants Seizure May Be Ordered

1,680,000 MEN OUT

General Motors Passes Up UAW Demand For Agreement On Truman Plan

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(P)—The nation was in the depths of the greatest management-labor crisis of its history tonight with 1,680,000 workers on strike and a slow paralysis loosing in its industry which threatened to culminate in 10 days to three weeks in a debility affecting the jobs of millions.

An industrial authority said it was "impossible" to exaggerate the result upon the national economy if the strike of 750,000 steel workers which began today is prolonged. The strike virtually shut down the basic industry upon which 40 per cent of all industry is dependent for raw materials.

But no less pressing was the strike of almost 300,000 packing-house workers that was bringing the country closer to a meat famine each day it continued.

In financial and industrial circles here, it was believed that the government could not and would not permit the economic processes of disintegration set in motion by the steel wage deadlock to run its course and wreck the reconversion program. Nor could the government permit any such vital industry as meat packing to remain crippled for long, it was said, with the eventual result of physical suffering for most of the population.

In Washington, the White House said President Truman was canvassing the strike situation on a day-by-day basis. Reports that the government was about to seize the struck packing plants had apparent authenticity. But the reports that it would also seize the struck steel plants seemed based upon

GROUP TO DISCUSS RIGHTS ON RIVER

Right of way for federal improvements to the Cape Fear river channel, to be furnished free of cost to the U. S. government was discussed at the meeting of the New Hanover Board of County Commissioners yesterday morning.

Attention was called to this resolution which was made Dec. 13, 1945, by a letter from Col. George W. Gillette, Wilmington district Army engineer.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Addison Hewlett and Marsden Bellamy to confer with Colonel Gillette and return its findings to a later meeting.

The "certain improvement" referred to is the widening of the channel from 300 to 400 feet and increasing its depth from 30 to 32 feet from Wilmington to the Southport bar.

Lands referred to specifically in the letter properties owned by the Atlantic Coast Line, T. M. Sumner, T. E. Murrell and the J. Herbert Bate company.

And So To Bed

Compliments and felicitations as are seldom happened upon were forthcoming yesterday from jovial Charles H. Casteen, Wilmington's chief of police.

A fellow was heckling Lt. Roy Etheridge and Desk Sgt. Courcy about the part they play in providing law and order for the city.

Chief Casteen said, "we have nothing to worry about on this shift" and he included the Lieutenant and Sergeant in the sweep of his arm as he spoke.

"Yes, of course," the fellow said, "except for maybe a jewelry window broken on Front street between Chestnut and Princess street," still heckling.

Moon and Stars!

Moral: Never heckle an officer of the law about the business of a robbery or a broken store window.