

FORECAST

Wilmington and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness and occasional showers, followed by clearing Monday night, little change in temperature, Tuesday fair and a little warmer.

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Campaign Leaders For New Hospital



Pictured above, shortly after their announcement that Wilmington will get a modern, 100-bed, \$700,000 Catholic hospital, are, left to right, Charles E. Kelly, Colonel Cliff Titus, and Henry L. Caravati, of Southern Associates, Richmond, Va. The three men are launching a nine-week drive here to raise \$500,000 for the new St. Francis hospital, to be located at the old Catholic cemetery.—Star Staff Photo.

NAM To Carry Fight On OPA Before House

Manufacturers Expected To Hit Back At Bowles In Committee Meeting

ADS STATE STORY Administration Forces Seeking To Woo Back Southern Democrats

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers will take to Capitol Hill Monday its demands for an end of government price controls on all manufactured goods. The NAM, attacked by Chester Bowles, economic stabilizer, as a sponsor of an "irresponsible, reckless and greedy" lobby, is expected to hit back with an accusation that OPA is strangling peacetime production and encouraging black markets.

EVENTS IN IRAN APPROACH BOILING POINT AS SOVIETS ISSUE WARNING TO PREMIER

U. S. Vice Consul Detained For Half Hour By Sentry

UNION OFFICIALS ASK SOVIET HELP

CIO Group Reports On Recent Trip To Moscow, Leningrad; Were Impressed

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—Eleven union officials who visited Russia as guests of the CIO Sunday for "closer understandings and cooperation" between the American and Russian peoples.

The delegation spent eight days in Moscow and Leningrad last October. It was headed by James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer. The Americans were guests of the Soviet trade unions, which previously had sent a delegation to this country as guests of the CIO.

The CIO groups' report said they were "impressed" by the Soviet trade unions and their "excellent activities" in the interest of the workers.

Living Standards They said living standards in the USSR are "low compared with American standards." But they reported "substantial progress in reconstruction."

Worker Exchange The delegation said the United States can help by supplying machines, industrial techniques and goods of all sorts. They also expressed hope that arrangements for exchanging workers between the two countries can be worked out.

Addresses Union Albert Fitzgerald, president of the CIO Electrical Workers Union, told the Soviet workers: "You have gained friends who are going to insist that our government do everything in its power to aid you. We've seen the price you have paid to establish freedom for all peoples of the world. We in America are determined that no force within or without is ever going to turn us against your people again."

Warmly Received They said they were warmly received throughout their trip, and given ovations when attending ballet performances. They remarked on "the universal prestige accorded labor leaders in the Soviet Union."

Visiting the Stalin automobile plant in Moscow, the Americans were told that despite a reduction in working hours, the "take-home pay" of the workers remained about the same as during the war. The Russians explained that the workers are paid by the piece, rather than by the hour, and they are

State Department Says No Significance In Incident

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—American Vice Consul Robert Rossow was stopped by a Russian sentry in the Iranian city of Tabriz last Friday and held for half an hour at a Red Army command post before his identity was established and he was released, the State department reported Sunday night.

The local Soviet Consul General expressed his regrets over the incident and officials here said that the State department attaches "no significance" to it.

Warning Issued One report in official information from the Iranian capital is that a Russian diplomat, charge d'affaires of the Soviet diplomatic mission there, delivered a warning to Premier Ahmad Qavam Sul-tani to refrain from pressing any charges involving Iran against Russia in the United Nations Security Council, meeting in New York a week from Monday.

The warning—if it turns out to be as reported—and Washington officials now are generally inclined to accept it that way—puts Qavam on the spot because if he takes some action which Russia considers "unfriendly" it has an army with which to express its displeasure.

Other Points Moreover authorities here say that unquestionably there are other points on which Russian pressure is being brought to such an extent as to make the Iranian Premier's position extremely difficult.

These diplomats explain that Russia's immediate objective presumably is to get an Iranian government completely on its side and one which would officially welcome the presence of Red Army troops in Iran. This, in fact, is the critical question.

The Iranian problem could be solved almost in a matter of minutes, if the Russians would, perhaps by some face saving formula, begin to pull their troops out of the country. The major immediate complaint against them is that they failed to withdraw their forces by last March 2 in accord with a treaty and everything which has happened since is at the moment considered subordinate to that fact.

Remains Mystery Why the troops are still there remains a mystery and Russia so far has offered no reply to a direct inquiry on that point submitted by the American government.

On the Rossow case, a State department official, press officer Michael J. McDermott, gave this account: The United States Vice Consul at Tabriz was held by a Soviet sentry on the outskirts of the city on March 15. He was detained approximately a half hour at a near-

And So To Bed. We can't vouch for this, but we imagine it's true. Because once the movies get hold of you, you can't be sure of who you are. Take, for example, Alexander Graham Bell America. Or this: Last Friday when Marlon Bragrove was in town two youngsters are said to have seen him on the street. "Hey," said one, "there goes Private Hargrove." "Now," said the other, "I saw Private Hargrove in the movies, and that ain't him." To settle the dispute, they stopped Hargrove and asked him point-blank who he was. "I," said Hargrove, "am Robert Walker the famous movie actor. My next picture is entitled 'So There, Samuel Goldwyn,' in which I will play the part of a chorus girl and two Masines."

War Still On ACL And Pullman Find Trouble Supplying Cars

Task Of Hauling Returning Servicemen Still Taxes Capacity Of Railroad; January, February Record Months

CIO UNIONISTS OKAY AGREEMENT

One Hundred Thousand Electrical Workers Return To Jobs Today

FIVE SUFFOCATED WHEN HOME BURNS

Ten-Year-Old Boy Escapes Through Window; Dog, Puppies Cremated Also

MALDEN, Mass., March 17.—(AP)—Five persons were suffocated and a ten-year-old boy escaped when a fire broke out in a one-and-a-half story home 100 feet off the Boston-Newburyport turnpike was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin early Sunday. The dead were identified as Arthur Veholm 25, his wife, Marion through Veholm, 33, and their three children, Barbara, 8, Patricia 5 and Gill, five months. A dog and her eight puppies were also found burned to death. George Brough, 10, a son of Mrs. Veholm's by a former marriage, said he escaped by breaking a window in his bedroom. Police said the blaze was discovered by a watchman at a nearby restaurant who telephoned police. At the same time, police said, a fire alarm was turned in by a passing motorist.

SPELLMAN CALLS WORLD SICK SPOT

American Cardinal Says Blood Stream Poisoned By Militant Atheism

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, Sunday called this a world "sick unto death" with its bloodstream "poisoned by the plague of militant atheism."

"The fever of hate runs high, the pulse of mankind is irregular, the heart of the world is under-eroded," he told a class of 81 graduates of Georgetown University school of medicine.

"To humanity struggling with its passion and its destiny, the chaos of wretchedness threatening the life of the world today, is a challenge and opportunity. For heroic, glorious achievement especially for the young priests and young physicians who begin their lives of service in this world sick unto death."

STATE OFFICIALS TO FIGHT AGENCY

Agricultural Commissioners Of Nation Set For Battle On OPA Ceilings

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—State Agriculture commissioners from all parts of the nation began arriving in Washington Sunday for a meeting tomorrow that is expected to turn into a drive against OPA ceiling on farm products.

R. A. Trovatten of Minnesota heads the group, which is the education and research committee of the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture. One of the early arrivals was Tom Linder of Georgia, long active in the organization. Linder said what the committee will do will not be decided until it goes into session Monday morning. Speaking for himself, however, he told a reporter: "My primary interest right now is against ceilings on agricultural products."

Returns To Action

Historic Jap Volcano Sprays Dust On Homes

Two Thousand Families Prepare To Flee As "Violent Eruptions" Follow Two Explosions; Marines On Alert

TOKYO, March 17.—(AP)—Minami Dake, historic Japanese volcano which created the Isle of Sakurajima and then joined it to Southern Kyushu, has returned to action and is spraying the surrounding countryside with dust and ashes.

Japanese newspaper accounts from the scene, three miles across Kagoshima bay from the city of Kagoshima, describe the new activity as "a violent eruption" and report that some 2,000 families are preparing to flee the vicinity.

Strong Explosions The Tokyo paper Mainichi said there were two strong explosions Friday night and that lava was pouring from the crater amid bursts of flame.

Lt. John Sardonian, of Philadelphia, duty officer of the First Battalion, Eighth U. S. Marine Regiment, stationed at Kagoshima, reported by telephone Sunday that he did not yet regard the present activity as an "eruption" and that the marines had received no calls for assistance. He said the volcano had been blowing smoke and rumbling since mid-February to the accompaniment of small explosions.

Ashes Dissolved Frequently rains dissolve the ashes, which fall as mud in Kagoshima, he said. The start of the activity coincides with the first observation, Feb. 14 of a new volcanic islet which has been rising from the sea some 200 miles South of Honshu. Sakura Jima has a long history, with 26 recorded eruptions since 1468. Jima (island) has been a misnomer since 1914 when a violent eruption linked it with the mainland, forming a peninsula.

Beauty Spot The 3,752-foot double cone, rising from the bay is a natural beauty spot, famed before the war as a health resort. More than 10,000 persons live in hamlets which dot the gentle slopes. Oranges and tobacco thrive in the volcanic soil. Kagoshima, due west across the bay, is a bomb-ruined naval base and port now occupied by a small detachment of the marines.

Along The Cape Fear

GARDEN-MINDED—Having spent the week-end in March showing which we hope, will bring April flowers, we suddenly find ourselves garden-minded. Understand, we are not garden experts. Our closest association with horticulture and floriculture consists of (1) a high school course in botany, (2) passing glances into florist shops, and (3) a hostile acquaintance with goldenrod.

On the other hand, we do like flowers, even though we can't tell a dahlia from a zinnia, and we love to see them growing in a pretty garden. PREJUDICED—Just to prove that we do know something about gardens, allow us to point out that we are familiar with some of the famous ones, such as the Garden of Eden, the Garden of Babylon, and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, and Madison Square Garden.

Belt Tightening Due CANADIANS TO FEEL PINCH THIS SUMMER

OTTAWA, March 17.—(AP)—Prime Minister MacKenzie King Sunday night announced an unprecedented nine-point program aimed at restricting the amount of food for Canadians, maintaining war-increased farm production and providing more food for a starving world. Underlining the world food shortage with the statement that the general picture is "urgent and desperate," the Prime Minister announced this program: Nine Points 1. Wheat available for domestic milling is being reduced by 10 per cent on the basis of 1945 purchases. 2. Wheat for distilling purposes is being reduced by 50 per cent on the basis of amount used in 1945. 3. A campaign is being under-

LEON BLUM TO SEE TRUMAN, BYRNES ON SUBJECT OF LOANS

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—State department officials said Sunday that appointments are being arranged for French Ambassador extraordinary Leon Blum to confer with President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes. It is understood that Blum desires to meet the U. S. Chief Executive and Secretary of State before the start of the economic negotiations, for which he came here.

These discussions, centering on a loan to France, probably will start toward the end of the week, shortly after the expected arrival from Paris of Jean Monnet, economic advisor to Blum.

9,000,000 TONS SUPPLIES TO GO

Lehman Announces Arrangements For Shipment To Needy Nations Soon

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 17.—(AP)—Approximately 9,000,000 tons of desperately needed supplies are scheduled to be delivered to 16 countries by UNRRA between March 1 and June 30, Director General Herbert H. Lehman said Sunday.

In making public the relief organization's program, Lehman warned that acute food shortages made shipments uncertain and cautioned that the program was subject to "substantial modifications."

"It is necessary that all contributing countries make available See 9,000,000 On Page Two

Big Business County School Cafeterias Do \$235,000 Yearly Trade

By JACK C. LUNAN Providing hot and cold lunches at noon each day for approximately 6,700 students of New Hanover county who patronize the school cafeterias is a big task—and big business, too.

When Mrs. Brown, or Mrs. Jones start Nellie or Billie off to school each morning during the school year with change for their lunch at noon, they likely do not realize that they are contributing just that many more nickels, dimes or quarters to the gross take of the largest non-profit business enterprise in the county. For the school cafeteria enter-

The Weather

FORECAST (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures: High 64; Low 41; Mean 52. Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.2 inches. Wind: From the first of the month—S.W. 10 to 20 mph. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): Wilmington: High 9:44 a.m., 4:17 a.m.; Low 10:05 p.m., 4:43 a.m. Masonboro Inlet: High 7:37 a.m., 1:20 p.m.; Low 7:59 p.m., 1:42 p.m. Sunrise 6:18; Sunset 6:22; Moonrise 7:20 p.m.; Moonset 7:04 a.m.

TODAY and TOMORROW by WALTER LIPPMANN

It will be most unwise, so I venture to think, for us to raise the Iranian question in the Security Council before our new ambassador to Russia, General Bedell Smith, has had time to reach Moscow and enter into a full discussion on this and related matters with Stalin. Perhaps it is impossible to have such a discussion. We should make every effort to find out. We have not made the effort. The astounding fact is that with the peace of the world hanging in the balance we now have no one in Moscow, and have not had any one during this whole most critical period, who can

even see Stalin, much less talk with him. The Russians have no one in Washington to whom we can talk with any hope of an important exchange of views. Surely it would be better to re-establish direct diplomatic contact with Moscow before we have a showdown by public debate. A showdown may be necessary and it may be inevitable. But the right time to have a showdown is after diplomatic negotiation has been

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