

Navy Takes Over CAMP DAVIS WILL BE NEW TEST BASE

Camp Davis, once the largest U. S. Army anti-aircraft training center in the nation, is in the hands of the U. S. Navy this morning. At 2:00 hours (12 o'clock midnight in military terminology) last night, the Navy Blue and Gold officially took over the famous site to begin experiments on Uncle Sam's newest and deadliest electronically-guided missiles. Shrouded thickly in government secrecy, the experiments at the camp and along Sears Landing are expected to cost astronomical amounts of money. New buildings and equipment alone will consume approximately \$1,000,000, it is reported. With the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance in charge of the secret experiments, a relatively small force of Naval personnel will conduct the actual trials of the radically new weapons. About 250 civilians will be engaged with laboratory work and other allied functions. Questions concerning the Navy's possible testing and development of the new "bug-bomb"—said to be more destructive than the atom-bomb—have met with strong silence from top-ranking Navy officers.

SENATE UPHOLDS PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY TO WRITE CONTRACTS WITH LABOR UNIONS; MARITIME WORKERS HIT TRUMAN DECISION

Government is To Keep Ships Moving In Walkout

Truman Says He Plans To Use Coast Guard And Navy In Case Of Strike Of Ship Workers June 15

By The Associated Press Pennsylvania's anthracite mines shut down yesterday when 75,000 United Mine Workers went on strike, and President Truman reported that chances for avoiding a walkout of 200,000 CIO Longshoremen and Seamen June 15 were very dark. The chief executive told his news conference, however, that he would make every effort to keep the ships moving in event of a strike, using the Navy, Coast Guard, War Shipping Administration and Army if necessary.

ILLEGAL NYLON MARKET BROKEN

Multi-Million Dollar Beer Operations Are Also Dissolved

CHICAGO, May 31.—(U.P.)—The government cracked down Friday on what it described as a multi-million dollar black market in beer and a major nylon stocking ring with indictments charging four firms and 12 persons with violations of OPA ceiling prices. Federal grand jury investigating beer black market operations extending throughout the South, indicted three breweries, a beer distributor and nine individuals on charges of over-ceiling sales of \$242,500 worth of beer in the past two years.

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Hosiery Violations In a separate action, another Federal grand jury indicted three Chicago men, charging 49 violations of ceiling prices in the sale of nylon and rayon hosiery which they allegedly obtained from three New York City firms. The New York companies now are under investigation, according to Asst. U. S. Dist. Atty. Robert C. Eardley. Charged with conspiracy to violate beer price ceilings were: The Koller Brewing Co., Chicago, U. S. Dist. Atty. J. Albert Woll said evidence indicated the company was involved in more than \$100,000 over-ceiling sales since 1944. The Best Brewing Co., Chicago: The firm was charged with \$40,000 in over-ceiling sales since 1944. The Frederick's Brewing Co., Thornton, Ill.: The company was charged on two counts with \$2,500 in over-ceiling sales.

Den-Mar Distributors, Chicago, charged with \$200,000 in over-ceiling sales. During the beer investigation, dealers, distributors and retailers from several Southeastern and Southwestern communities appeared before the grand jury. Woll described the beer black market as a multimillion dollar operation. Additional indictments are expected. Three officials of the Rosmore Sales, Inc., Chicago, were indicted in the nylon-rayon case.

Nylon Black Market Eardley said the suit was one of the first brought against major black market operations in nylons. He charged that the Rosmore firm made at least \$25,000 profit in black market sales of nylons during April and the early part of May, mostly in Chicago. He said the firm sold nylon and rayon hosiery to 15 distributors who in turn made door-to-door sales. Nylons sold from \$26 to \$30 a dozen against a ceiling of \$11.75 a dozen, he said. Rayons brought \$16.50 a dozen, compared to an \$8.75 ceiling, he said. He said the three men are liable to a maximum fine of \$280,000 or 12 years imprisonment if convicted on all of the 49 counts.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley DE BOYS' GUN CLUB MATTER MEK 'EM A NEW TAHGIT TO GO 'ROUN' DE BULL'S-EYE... DAT'S STILL GOOD!

SHIPPING OFFICIAL STOPS BY SHIPYARD ON VISIT TO AREA

J. L. Luckenbach, president of the American Bureau of Shipping and past president of the International Propeller club, Friday stopped in Wilmington for a tour of the city and an inspection of the yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company. Enroute to Charleston, S. C., to attend his daughter's commencement exercises, Luckenbach broke his trip here in order to view the port city that has lately been eminent in national harbor news. He spoke highly of the North Carolina yard's facilities and expressed confidence in Wilmington's future as a great shipping center. Continuing his journey to Charleston this morning, Luckenbach plans to stop here again on his return trip to his New York residence.

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STALIN REJECTS PRESIDENT'S BID

Generalissimo Refuses Visit To U. S. Because Of Health

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Josef Stalin has rejected two invitations within a year to come to the United States as President Truman's guest to discuss Soviet-American relations, it was revealed Friday by the President. On both occasions, Stalin said his doctor did not think it was advisable for him to take such a long trip. This announcement by the President at his news conference, the first official one that Stalin's head was not up to par, came in the midst of a most difficult period of Soviet-American relations. It follows sharp exchanges between Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov over the blame for failure of the last Paris prime ministers meeting. The foreign ministers meet again June 15 in Paris and the State Department announced Friday that Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, (R-Mich.) has assured Byrnes he will attend. Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), hopes to. Both were advisers to Byrnes at the last meeting and came back with nothing but praise for his policies. Mr. Truman said the first invitation to Stalin was made at Postdam last summer. The last one, he said, was made within 30 days—during the recent unsuccessful foreign ministers meeting in Paris. But later Mr. Truman was proven in error on his dates. The White House corrected them and revealed that the invitation was written more than a month before the Paris meeting started. The White House disclosed that Truman's invitation to Stalin was written on March 19, more than a month before the Paris meeting, and delivered by Lieut. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, the new American ambassador to Russia, on April 4—21 days before the Paris meeting opened.

Full Cooperation Of Local Underwriters Promised On GI Plan

Full cooperation of local life underwriters was promised the veterans of World Wars I and II yesterday at a forum meeting held in the Veterans Administration contact offices with E. C. Bailey, regional VA insurance officer. Bailey told the group that veterans should be encouraged to hold their term policies, established while they were in service, until such time as proposed liberalization of the National Service Life Insurance Act becomes law. Desires Cooperation The officer said the local underwriters voluntarily expressed their desire to cooperate fully with the administration, and the veteran by supplying him the necessary forms and information for their insurance, and assisting with claims from time to time. He told the group of the importance of keeping the beneficiary of the veteran up to date, because of cases of claimants, who the veteran would probably not have named, have been receiving claims. Bailey said that the trend of the insurance plans for World War II veterans is along the same lines as those which were fashioned for the veterans of the first world war.

IN THE LION'S DEN Repeat Trip To Chair Fought In Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, May 31.—(U.P.)—Remember Daniel in the lion's den, the State Pardons board was told Friday as attorneys battled frantically to save 17-year-old Willie Francis from making his second trip to the latter-day lion's den, Louisiana's portable electric chair. A parade of witnesses and Negro preachers tramped before the board all day long, recounting graphically the bizarre story of Willie's first escape from the chair, and pleading that he be spared the agony of a "second electrocution" June 7. Electricity Experiment A. P. Tureaud, attorney for the National association for the Advancement of Colored people, asked the board: "Suppose they take him back and it doesn't work again. What is this—an experiment in electricity?" But it was Bertrand Deblanc, a firey little Cajun from Willie's home town of St. Martinville, See CHAIR on Page One

The Weather

North Carolina: Scattered showers in west portion Saturday afternoon, partly cloudy and warm elsewhere. South Carolina: Partly cloudy and warm Saturday with scattered showers in northwest portion. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

Temperatures 1:30a 86; 7:30a 85; 1:30p 78; 7:30p 74. Maximum —; Minimum 69; Mean 69; Normal 74. Humidity 1:30a 71; 7:30a 77; 1:30p 36; 7:30p 65. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. 0.00 inch. Total since the first of the month 4.28 inches. Tides for Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

Wilmington High 11:03a 5:58a Low 11:33p 5:57p Masonboro Inlet High 8:52a 2:50p Low 9:20p 2:31p Sunrise 5:01a; Sunset 7:18p; Moonrise 6:38a; Moonset 9:39p. (River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a.m., Friday, 12.1 feet.

STETTINIUS ASKS TO QUIT COUNCIL

Truman, Byrnes Hope To Persuade Delegate To Stay In UN

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—President Truman revealed Friday that Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., has submitted his resignation as American representative to the United Nations but that both the White House and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes hoped he would reconsider and stay on the job. The new document was made public as the Security Council's subcommittee on Spain worked on in private to finish its report by midnight, the deadline set by the Council April 29 when the inquiry was launched. Captured Evidence A sub-committee spokesman late Friday said the group would not ask for an extension of time despite a late deluge of documents, including evidence captured from the Germans and submitted by the United States, along with piles of evidence from France and Britain. The sub-committee was scheduled to meet again at 10 p. m. (EDT) Thursday night to wind up its work. Three working days must elapse after the report's circulation before the Council takes it up. The British document, coupled with a similar document submitted earlier by the United States, led to the belief in U. N. circles that the sub-committee's report would leave the Council approximately where it was before the inquiry. Charges Fall Through At that time Russia, Poland, France, and Mexico favored a world-wide break of diplomatic relations with Franco, but the majority of the Council members contended there was not sufficient evidence to warrant such action. The British document said Britain had been unable to find any evidence that Spain was making undue military preparations, that Franco was engaged in atomic research or that the deployment of Spanish forces was a threat.

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NOSTALGIA NIP—We got nipped by the gnats of nostalgia the other day. We were strolling past a school when the doors of the institution suddenly burst open and several hundred children rushed out and all but stomped us underfoot. Never since last year, when we dropped a pair of nylons in the middle of Manhattan's Times Square, have we been so engulfed with humanity. It wasn't until the kids had vanished down the street and we picked ourselves up from the sidewalk that we realized what had brought the thundering herd of youngsters trampling upon us. It was the last day of school. POIGNANT PONIARD—It was then, at that moment of realization, when the gnat nipped us with his poignant poniard. For a few minutes we regressed to the scenes of our own childhood—those happy days when we closed the narrow door of school behind us and ran through the vast

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Crazy Weather SNOW IN MICHIGAN 85 IN WASHINGTON

By The Associated Press Snow, midsummer heat and floods gave a crazy-quilt pattern to the nation's weather map Friday night. Snow fell yesterday in Minnesota and Upper Michigan and near freezing temperatures were forecast for Northern Minnesota, Northern Michigan, Northern Wisconsin and Northwestern North Dakota. Spreads Southward The cold air mass spread southward to the Great Lakes, Mississippi Valley and Ohio River regions routing summery temperatures. The mercury dropped from 68 to 47 degrees in an hour in Milwaukee, Chicago, which had a high of 84 degrees Thursday expected a low of 40 by Saturday night. Summer-like weather prevailed Friday in the East, New York and Washington recording 85 degrees. Even higher temperatures were recorded in

New England, but cooler weather was moving in from the north. Meanwhile, floods caused millions of dollars of damage in Pennsylvania and Texas. Dallas Hard Hit North and South Texas suffered from the combined effects of floods, rain, hail, and high winds. With the Fort Worth and Dallas areas hardest hit, the Trinity river broke through levees in several places at Dallas. A man was drowned at Palmer attempting to rescue cattle from floodwaters. Disaster and medical workers were sent to Lawrenceville, Pa., where the Red Cross reported the entire community's population of 450 took refuge from floodwaters in the town's cemetery. The waters were receding rapidly, however, after the worst flood in a decade in the Susquehanna valley.

SPAIN NO THREAT TO WORLD PEACE

UN Commission Decides Food Official Predicts Franco Hasn't Menaced World

NEW YORK, May 31.—(U.P.)—The United Nations investigation of Franco Spain drew to a close Friday night as Great Britain at the last minute submitted a document maintaining that the regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco was not a threat to world peace. The new document was made public as the Security Council's subcommittee on Spain worked on in private to finish its report by midnight, the deadline set by the Council April 29 when the inquiry was launched. Captured Evidence A sub-committee spokesman late Friday said the group would not ask for an extension of time despite a late deluge of documents, including evidence captured from the Germans and submitted by the United States, along with piles of evidence from France and Britain. The sub-committee was scheduled to meet again at 10 p. m. (EDT) Thursday night to wind up its work. Three working days must elapse after the report's circulation before the Council takes it up. The British document, coupled with a similar document submitted earlier by the United States, led to the belief in U. N. circles that the sub-committee's report would leave the Council approximately where it was before the inquiry. Charges Fall Through At that time Russia, Poland, France, and Mexico favored a world-wide break of diplomatic relations with Franco, but the majority of the Council members contended there was not sufficient evidence to warrant such action. The British document said Britain had been unable to find any evidence that Spain was making undue military preparations, that Franco was engaged in atomic research or that the deployment of Spanish forces was a threat.

SENATORS REFUSE TO REVERSE VOTE

Meat To Go Up 12 To 20 Cents

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—The Senate Banking committee Friday refused to reverse its vote to lift price controls on meat, poultry and dairy products June 30, a move which OPA officials said could lead to death of the agency and cost housewives millions of dollars. Chairman Robert F. Wagner (D-N. Y.) said after the closed session that he tried vainly to have the decision reversed. The committee nearing final action, had planned to meet again Friday night but deferred further consideration until 10 a. m., Saturday. Mean to Remain Scarce The Agriculture department reported that meat will remain scarce through mid-1947 and UNRRA Director General Fiorello H. LaGuardia predicted that the committee action, if upheld by the House and Senate, would shoot meat prices up one-third. The department, indicating that it expects the black market to remain a hindering factor in the meat shortage, meanwhile tightened its controls of federally-inspected packers. To prevent a hold-back on deliveries it ordered packers to certify the amount of beef set aside each week to meet export needs and said similar regulations covering pork, veal and lamb will be issued later. Crimps Plans LaGuardia warned that elimination of meat controls was "liable to crimp" plans to ship nearly 3,000,000 tons of wheat to famine areas abroad during June and July.

HE FLOATS THROUGH THE AIR "Stratosphere" Man Feature Of Carnival

BY MEARES HARRISS It's not what you'd call an ordinary act, not if you've seen it... this fellow Selden "The Stratosphere" Man. Sponsored by the Senior Fraternity the combined Ratery Shows and the R. and S. Amusements have been holding forth at Bellamy park with the profits going for the Fraternity's work with boys. But what interests me is Selden! 138 Feet Up The guy claims five feet four inches, weighs 185 pounds, won't admit his age and does hand-

stands among other things, 138 feet above the ground on a slender steel tower which he deliberately sways back and forth in a 35-foot arc. From now on, I'm remembering that as about the least way I would like to earn a living. His full name is A. E. Selden; the name he told me for front was not for ordinary vocabularies... I can't spell it anyway. Without Net Curious about the whys and wherefores of an act which in-

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Solons Beat Back Moves To Set Aside Strike Bill

Senator Ball Contends Measure Puts Government In Business Of Dictating Terms To Employers

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—The Senate, pushing toward passage of emergency labor legislation, upheld, 51 to 28, Friday night, the President's authority to write contracts with labor unions in seized industries. Senator Ball (R-Minn.), author of the rejected amendment to President Truman's bill, said it would have outlawed such contracts as that just signed between the government and John L. Lewis' coal miners. Ball sought to freeze wages and most working conditions when the government took and operated any plant. Downs Capchert The Senate previously had rejected, 77 to 3, a proposal by Senator Capchert (R-Ind.) to permit the President to adjust wages and working conditions up to the point of the highest offer previously made by the employers. As the President's emergency bill passed the House, it empowered the President to adjust wages and working conditions. Ball contended that this put the government in the business of dictating the terms under which the employer would get his plant back. "I don't think he (the President) settled the coal strike on a just basis," Ball declared. "I think he appeared an arrogant labor leader at the point of a gun."

GRAMMAR SCHOOL STAFFS REDUCED

Officials Expect 500 Fewer Pupils In Grades Next Fall

The New Hanover county grammar school system will reopen for the fall term with its teaching staff one dozen instructors short of last year's total, school officials disclosed Friday. The staff reduction is the result of an anticipated summer exodus of about 500 children of shipyard workers, they said. Still Above Average The state allocates one teacher for every 40 students, and although the expected decrease in county school membership will reduce the number of teachers accordingly, H. M. Roland, superintendent of schools, Friday said next fall's enrollment would still be about 3,200 above the pre-war average. A similar loss of about 500 pupils was experienced at the opening of schools last fall, Roland explained. The war workers' exodus is expected to be the principal cause of the enrollment decrease, he continued, since the number of graduates and "drop outs" will be balanced by the approximate 1,600 pupils who will enter school next year for the first time. See GRAMMAR on Page Two

CHECK WRITING ARTIST NABBED

"David Harriss" Being Held By Knoxville Authorities

The rubber check craftsman, who bilked his way through Wilmington several days ago under the pen name "David Harriss" is in the custody of Knoxville, Tenn., authorities, local police learned Friday. Chief of Detectives Wells, of Knoxville, yesterday called city headquarters stating that his department had in custody David Eugene Harriss, 36, and wife Daisy Taylor Harriss. The couple had a bank book in their possession for deposits in the Wilmington Morris Plan bank. Awaiting Instructions The plainclothes chief said he would hold the couple until he received instructions from Chief C. H. Gasten. Harriss, during his Wilmington operation deposited a bogus check with a local bank and fleeced city merchants of \$300 through checks written against the account. See CHECK on Page Two

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