WEATHER
North Carolina and South Carolina:—Cloudy and considerable cooler with occasion rain and scattered thunderstorms Sunday and Monday.

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MARITIME UNION PROPOSALS ARE REJECTED BY SHIPPERS AS STRIKE DEADLINE NEARS

Wagner Urges Final Action For OPA Bill

Expresses Hope Past Action Lifting Ceilings Can Be Rescinded

ASKS ACTION TUESDAY

OPA Exponents Claim House Action Severe Blow To All Controls

WASHINGTON, June 1—(AP)—Chairman Wagner (D.-N.Y.) called today for a final Banking committee decision Tuesday on remaining points at issue in the price control extension bill.

At the same time, he said an attempt will be made to void the committee's decision—reached a week ago—removing price controls from meat, poultry and dairy products July 1. A two-vote switch would be required to overturn the decision. Since it was made, the committee has lost one of its members, the late Carter Glass of Virginia, whose proxy Wagner held.

The chairman said he was "very hopeful" that the committee can be persuaded to back-track. OPA officials, with whom Wagner works closely, contend that food prices would sky-rocket if meat and dairy products were taken off the ceiling chart.

While the committee recessed from today until Tuesday, a group of members including representatives of both parties have arranged to confer with OPA officials Monday on the knotty question of price margins.

Profit Clause Inserted

The House voted to give every producer, processor and dealer—including retailers—cost plus "a reasonable profit." OPA officials called the provision a death wallop.

Several alternate plans have been discussed by the Senate committee. One would allow manufacturers to add to their proven 1941 price the weighted average unit cost increase in their industry. Republicans, who originated that proposal, also are backing another which would bid OPA to maintain

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COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT SCHEDULED

Trial Of Brunswick Negro Murder Suspect To Highlight Term Here

The trial of Leon Gause, Brunswick county Negro, will highlight the June term of Superior court which opens tomorrow with Judge R. Hunt Parker, Roanoke Rapids, presiding.

Gause is accused of the shotgun-slaying of Jim Williamson, white, Shallotte farmer last Feb. 23 as the Brunswick county resident sat in his kitchen shelling peanuts.

A four-day manhunt followed the shooting with Gause being captured on Feb. 27 after he had been chased through Brunswick county swampland by a posse of law enforcement officers and citizens.

The trial will be held during the second week of court, the clerk of court said yesterday. The case was moved here for trail after Gause's attorney asked for a change of venue.

In addition to the trial of Gause, 105 additional cases await hearing according to the court calender.

Among the cases to be heard are those of L. L. Milliken, charged with murder; John Floyd, attempted criminal assault; Murray Allison, four charges of forgery; James Johnson, six charges of forgery; Beatrice McCrae, murder; Robert J. Brown, attempted criminal assault; Rosa Lee McMillan, murder, and R. H. Thompson, manslaughter.

Degree And A Hug For Margaret

President Truman embraces his daughter, Margaret, at commencement exercises of George Washington university in Washington where she received an A. B. degree in history. The President, himself, received an honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Carrie L. Broughton State Library Complimentary

Pope Pius Scathingly Decries Communism

VOTERS HEAR APPEAL

Address Comes On Eve Of Important French, Italian Elections

By J. EDWARD MURRAY
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VATICAN CITY, June 1.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII, in a scathing denunciation of Communism of the eve of national elections in Italy and France, urged today a world league of Christian nations to oppose "the band of those who blaspheme the name of God and transgress his law."

His address, a traditional kune pronouncement in international relations, was formally addressed to the college of Cardinals, but, beyond them, he appealed to the heavily Catholic electorates of Italy and France and to statesmen of the Christian world.

He did not mention Russia or Communism, as such. But his references were frequent, strong and unmistakeable.

The Pope was extremely pessimistic about peace. He said the world was moving farther away from peace, rather than closer to it, and that a year after the defeat of Germany no "decisive step toward a just peace" has been taken.

"Tomorrow, the citizens of two great nations go in compact array to the polling booths," he said. "What is really at issue? It is to be decided if the one and the other of these two nations, of these two sister nations of Latin culture of more than a millenary of Christian civilization, will continue to rest on the firm rock of Christianity; on the acknowledgement of a personal God, on belief in the spiritual dignity and the eternal dignity of man; or, if, instead, they will choose to entrust their lot for the future to the unfeeling importance of a materialistic state without any ideal beyond this world, without religion and without God.

"The one or the other of these two possibilities will come to be, according as the names victorious at the polling booths will be chosen of the champions or the wreckers of Christian civilization. The answer is in the electors' hands, theirs is the high responsibility, and how serious it is."

Italy will decide tomorrow in a national referendum whether it wants to continue a monarchy, and will elect 573 deputies for a constitutional assembly. France will elect an assembly to write a new constitution. An earlier constitution, prepared by a Communist-Socialist dominated assembly was refused by the people in a referendum.

The Pope said that, more than a

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New Maritime Chairman Scheduled To Receive State Port Proposition

WILMINGTON STAR-NEWS Washington, D. C., Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 1—Vice-Admiral William Ward Smith, USN, retired, who will be sworn in as chairman of the United States Maritime commission Monday, will be urged to endorse a proposal for the transfer of the Wilmington, N. C. shipyard to the North Carolina State Ports authority in exchange for construction of a drylock there fo both commercial and government shipping.

Rep. J. Bayard Clark of the Seventh N. C. district, will seek the new chairman's approval of the plan, which already has been discussed at length with other commission members. Representative Clark, accompanied by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, J. M. Broughton, former governor and attorney for the State Ports authority, and R. B. Page, Wilmington publisher and Ports authority chairman, discussed the proposal with the commission recently and reported a favorable reaction.

VITAL EUROPEAN ELECTIONS HELD

Voters In France And Italy Go To Polls As World Watches

By United Press

The political chips were down in the Latin countries of Europe Saturday night as France and Italy went to the polls to choose the kind of leadership they wanted, and Spain faced United Nations urging to rid herself of the Franco government.

Pope Pius XII speaking from the Vatican on the eve of national elections in France and Italy which will determine the strength of Communism and the fate of the House of Savoy, delivered a scathing denunciation of Communists.

Although he did not once mention Russia or Communism by name, he appealed to the heavily Catholic electorate of France and Italy to defeat "the band of those who blaspheme the name of God and transgress His law."

In France and throughout her empire an estimated 25,000,000 (M) men and women will elect a second constituent assembly whose chief task will be to draft a new constitution.

The election was made necessary after the French voters performed a political paradox at the polls. In October they voted the Communists into power as the strongest single party. On May 5 they overwhelmingly rejected a new constitution framed by the Communists and their leftwing political ally, the Socialists.

In the campaign just past the Socialists broke from the Communists and political observers pronounced the electioneering one of the most bitter ever waged in the nation.

In Italy an estimated 26,000,000 Italians—a half of them women—will select 556 deputies for a constituent assembly in the nation's quarter of a century.

At the same time Italians will vote on their future form of government—Monarchy or Republic.

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UN Committee Terms Franco Peace Menace

Recommends World-Wide Diplomatic Break Unless Falangists Ousted

TIME LIMIT SET

Action By 51-Nation General Assembly On Case Sept. 3 Advocated

BY MAX HARRELSON

NEW YORK, June 1—(AP)— The United Nations sub-committee on Spain today declared that the Franco regime was a "potential menace to international peace" and recommended a worldwide diplomatic break with Spain unless the Falangist government is ousted by September.

The sub-committee, which has had the question under investigation for the past month, said that the Franco governmet was not "at present a threat to peace," but added that its activities were such that they might easily become a threat.

It recommended that the Security council transfer the case to the 51-nation general assembly which meets in New York September 3, with a suggestion that the assembly call upon all members of the United Nations to sever relations with Spain uless the Franco regime "is withdrawn."

The next meeting of the Security council is scheduled for 3 p. m. (Eastern Daylight Time) June 6.

The report also recommended that the Security council endorse the March 4 anti-Franco declaration of the United States, Great Britain and France, which called upon the Spanish people to oust Generalissimo Francisco Franco by peaceful means ad set up a "caretaker" government to rule until free elections could be held.

The five members of the subcommittee were unanimous in their approval of the report except for reservations by Poland and Brazil.

Poland took exception to the finding that Franco was not at present a threat to peace and that the Security council, as a result had no jurisdiction to direct, in this case, severance of diplomatic relations. The case was raised originally by Polish Delegate Oscar Lange.

Brazilian Delegate Pedro Velloso reserved his position on the recommendation that the case be referred to the general assembly with recommendations that the assembly call on its member nations for a break with Franco.

The report declared in its conclusions:

"Although the activities of the Franco regime do not at present constitute an existing threat to

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PERON SEEKS ARMS FOR DEFENSE USES

Declares Airplanes, Warships Necessary For Hemisphere Bulwarks

By JULIO P. MONASSO
United Press Staff Correspondent

BUENOS AIRES, June 1.—(U.P.)—Usually reliable quarters reported today that President-elect Juan D. Peron has sent Gen. Carlos Von Der Becke to Washington to outline Argentina's need for a United States loan and arnaments if the country is to participate in President Truman's hemisphere defense plans.

These sources said Argentina's particular need was airplanes and warships.

Von Der Becke, until recently Army chief of staff, is enroute to Washington, reportedly carrying a message from Peron assuring U. S. officials that Argentina is firm-

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Senate Bill Clamps Controls On Atomic Energy Production

BY JOHN L. STEELE
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WASHINGTON, June 1—(U.P.)—The Senate, seeking a formula against world devastation," today passed by voice vote and sent to the House a bill to clamp tight government controls over domestic production of atomic energy.

The action was described as a first step toward making the awesome cosmic force work for peace and avert a devastating atomic war.

Approval came after chairman Brien K. McMahon, D., Conn., of the Senate's special atomic committee, which drafted the bill, termed the atomic control "the greatest ever to challenge the mind of man."

The bill would provide government monopoly on ownership and production of materials from which the dread bomb is made. It also would vest in a presidentially-appointed five-man civilian commission vast control powers, including authority to produce atomic bombs.

Senate consideration and approval of the measure came in a surprise move which saw the chamber put aside until Monday draft extension legislation to act immediately on the atomic bill.

Just before passage, Sen. L. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., told the senate he hoped the domestic atomic program provided in the bill would be matched by the United Nations in finding "a formula against world devastation."

He warned that UN failure to adopt an adequate international control program would lead to a "war of minutes instead of months" in which the first casualty list would be the last.

McMahon said this country's atomic policy would determine whether civilization would be headed for complete destruction or a new golden age of advancement.

Before passing the bill, the Senate approved amendments that would:

1. Make it unlawful, except as authorized by the commission, to manufacture devices utilizing atomic energy for military purposes.

2. Forbid any private firm connected with the atomic bomb project to acquire special rights to deposits of fission-

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Future Of Anti-Strike Bill Causes Capital Speculation

SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP

87 Pupils Register For Lower Grade Work; High Registration Tomorrow

Announcements pertaining to summer school work for elementary and high school students and commercial classes for adults were made by school officials yesterday.

Registration for the elementary school work was held Friday at Tileston school, and will be continued through tomorrow. Eighty-seven pupils have enrolled to date for the summer session, which will consist of work for grades one through eight.

The only summer school being conducted in the county for elementary students, the course is being offered for pupils who need to pass a subject in order to be promoted and for those who wish to be strengthened in a subject. Only one major subject and, in a few cases, one minor subject, may be taken.

The fee is $20. Classes will consist of 15 students for each instructor.

The faculty will be the same as last year, except that Miss Thelma Edgerton is replacing Mrs. Davis Polvogt. The school is under the direction of Mrs. Lucille Schuffler, principal of Sunset Park school.

Registration of adults for the summer commercial classes will be continued in the office of the Isaac Bear school through Monday morning. After that time, all who have registered will be notified either by telephone or through the newspapers as to the schedule of classes.

High Registration

The high school summer school registration will begin at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in the high school.

The first term of the summer session, corresponding to a semester's work, will continue from June 3 through June 27. The second term, also equivalent to a semester, will extend from June 28 through July 25.

Summer courses are being offered in the ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th

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TRUMAN MAY VETO

Sponsor Of Bill Says It Adheres To President's Recommendations

By DEAN W. DITTMER
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WASHINGTON, June 1.—(U.P.)—Speculation developed tonight on what President Truman would do with the Case anti-strike bill as his request for emergency powers to deal with strikes against the government faced at least a five-day further delay in congress.

Both house and senate now have approved the emergency legislation Mr. Truman asked a week ago, but the senate clipped out some of its more drastic provisions, including the "work-or-be-drafted" clause.

The house now must decide whether to approve the senate changes or send the measure to conference. Because the house has a gentlemen's agreement to take up no controversial matters until next Thursday, the emergency bill must wait until then.

The Case bill, which is a permanent measure for strike control, is on Mr. Truman's desk. He has until June 12 either to approve it or veto it. If he fails to act, it becomes law without his signature.

While there was speculation over the likelihood of a veto, Rep. Francis Case, R., S. D., author of the bill, said the measure followed Mr. Truman's recommendations almost to the letter.

He said it is "inconceivable" that the President would veto it.

But it was learned that Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach

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ISLAND SHIPYARD SOLD FOR $50,000

Wilmingtonian Buys Hamme Marine Railway; Expansion Planned

In a transaction involving approximately $50,000, J. Paddison Pretlow, 305 N. 15th street, Wilmington businessman, yesterday purchased the Hamme Marine Railway company located on Eagle island, Brunswick county.

Included in the sale, according to Pretlow and R. F. Hamme, was 12 acres of Eagle island land, two marine railways, one of 400-ton capacity, the other a 100-ton way, machine shop, wood-working shop, paint shop and two yacht storage basins, together with the name, accounts and goodwill of the former owner. The property possesses a 500-foot frontage on the west bank of the Cape Fear river approximately opposite Nun and Church streets in Wilmington.

Hamme, well-known in boating circles along the coast, will remain with the company and continue active in its management.

Remaining with the company, also, will be John Wooten, for

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DEMANDS EXCEED PAST PROPOSALS

Conference Held In Attempt To Avert National Shipping Crisis

By CHARLES H. HERROLD
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(UP)—Ship owners tonight rejected the wage and hour demands of seven seamen's unions, asserting that acceptance would "torpedo the American merchant marine" and cause the American flag to "disappear from the sea lanes of the world."

The unions have demanded wage increases of 22 to 35 cents an hour, a 40-hour week, overtime rates of $1.25 to $1.75 an hour and retroactivity on increases to last Oct. 1. They have threatened to strike June 5 if their demands are not met.

The operators' statement was made by Frank J. Taylor, chairman of the negotiating committee for Atlantic and Gulf coast ship owners, as negotiating sessions were resumed between operators and unions here tonight.

Taylor presumably consulted with Pacific ship owners before issuing his rejection. It did not rule out company proposals.

Using the same words the unions pronounced in denouncing President Truman's threat to call on the Navy, Coast Guard and War Shipping administration to keep ships moving, Taylor declared that union demands would "virtually torpedo and eliminate the American merchant marine as a factor in our world trade and national defense."

"Impossible Position"

"Acceptance of the staggering wage increases along with reduced working hours designed solely to produce added overtime pay will place our merchant marine in an impossible competitive position and the American flag will soon disappear from the sea lanes of the world," Taylor said.

He declared that the union demands "far exceed those previously demanded and were made without any consideration of their possible effect on the future operations of the American merchant marine."

"The increased cost of operation can not be passed on to those who ordinarily use American ships as shippers, and travelers will naturally turn to foreign vessels which have in many instances 100 per cent lower costs."

Union Demands

Taylor said that when negotiations began the national maritime union, one of those involved, wanted a 30 per cent wage increase.

"Now they are seeking increases that average about 100 per cent over present wages which were increased 45 per cent as recently as last October," he said.

He termed the union's demands for a 40-hour work week for seagoing personnel "impossible of application."

"A 40 hour work week at sea would mean carrying additional crew members for whom additional quarters would have to be found only by reducing the cargo and earning capacity of the vessels," he said. "If no additional crew members were carried, 16 hours overtime compensation would have to be paid each week."

Taylor noted that when the fair labor standards act was amended by Congress "the question of the 40-hour week for seamen was again studied and Congress decided to continue exemption of seamen

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COAL SETTLEMENT IS NOT IN SIGHT

Saturday Conference Between Operators, Miners Fruitless

NEW YORK, June 1.—(AP)—While most of the nation's hard coal mines remained idle, negotiators for mine operators and 75,000 striking miners met for two hours and adjourned today, stating no conclusions had been reached.

Spokesmen for both the operators and the United Mine workers (AFL) have declined to comment on a report that the miners seek a five-day work week with continuation of six-day pay and an industry-supported health and welfare fund of $10,000,000 a year.

UMW President John L. Lewis is expected to enter the negotations soon, a union spokesman said.

The strike became effective yesterday as negotiators entered their fourth week of conferences in search of a new pact. Leaders of both the union and the operators agreed that the strike was completely effective.

Independent anthracite miners around Shamokin, Pa., operating on a lease or royalty basis, continued to work, but gave no estimate of their daily tonnage. There are also about 500 anthracite miners in Virginia who are not involved in the negotiations here.

Moon And Venus Play Optical Trick On U. S.

To hundreds and perhaps thousands of Wilmingtonians, the heavens presented an odd sight last night. Elsewhere, too, throughout the United States, the same sight was witnessed.

It was Venus, the planet, seemingly perching atop the thin crescent moon. Actually, according to astronomers, the moon and Venus were millions of miles apart—but from Wilmington and a few other earth-points, the two appeared to be almost one.

It happens once a year, astronomers said, but is visible only in few parts of the world.

Soap Box Derby Entries Coming In At Fast Clip

BY JACK LUNAN

Word received national Soap Box Derby headquarters yesterday is that applications for the first post-war running of the "Greatest Amateur Racing Event in the World" are pouring in as never before. Myron E. Scott, national Derby director, informed the local sponsors, The Wilmington Star-News and Raney Chevrolet company, by letter, that during the four war-time years when there was no race, keen interest in the Derby was maintained among America's schoolboys.

Today, with an entire new group of boys of Derby age — 11 to 15 years — the number of applicants for the race has so far exceeded all previous years. And entries for the local race are being received every day in gratifying numbers —an assurance of some real competition and fast racing come Derby day, July 24-31.

There will be two divisions for the Wilmington district Soap Box Derby and the ultimate winner for that big trip to the National finals will come from one of the other.

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Historic Thalian Hall Closed During Survey

Thalian hall—Wilmington's only auditorium space and historical scene of little theater activities for many years—has been temporarily closed, pending final reports next week of a five-man committee of building experts.

The temporary suspension of activities in Thalian Hall was deemed advisable Friday by the local investigating committee, until the inspectors can determine whether minor repairs to the structure will be sufficient or whether major improvements will be required before the auditorium can be used again.

The inspection has been underway for several weeks and is expected to be concluded next week

The committee's report is scheduled to be submitted to Acting City Manager J. R. Benson, who, in turn, will present the matter to the City council at next Wednesday's meeting.

The building is leased from the city by the Thalian association and the undertaking of improvements would rest with the city.

When advised of the committee's

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Harbor Islanders Study Beach Merger Proposal

Consolidation of Harbor Island into the town limits of Wrightsville Beach will be discussed by island residents at a meeting Thursday night, June 13, in the Adams House.

The pros and cons of the contemplated consolidation with their resort neighbors will be discussed from every angle, Walter Cartier, said yesterday. Cartier, a resident of the Island and currently serving as secretary of the Wrightsville Beach Chamber of Commerce, said that about 350 year-a-round residents of the island, would be effected by the proposed change.

In calling the meeting, interested property owners on Harbor Island, have declared themselves as favoring such a move.

William M. Hill, local real estate operator and resident of the island, will present a compilation of facts gathered to show reasons for the incorporating of the properties into the Town of Wrightsville.

Not Incopporated

Since the Island is not incorporated, property owners have not been able to avail themselves of proper fire and police protection, sewage, and, water without paying near-

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