

WEATHER

North Carolina - Partly cloudy and mild Sunday, increasing cloudiness and showers Sunday night and Monday beginning in mountains Sunday afternoon; warmer Sunday night, cooler Monday.

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SECTION-A

America Will Seek Lowered Tariff Scale

Spring Conference Planned With 18 Key Countries To Talk Trade

GOP RETICENT

Republican Leader Says Party Wants To Study Tariff Reductions

By JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The United States announced its intention tonight of seeking specific tariff-reducing agreements with 18 key countries at a conference next Spring.

In an apparent post-election move to reassure foreign countries of the administration's determination to keep its trade pledges, Undersecretary of State William L. Clayton announced the move at a news conference.

Clayton simultaneously expressed firm conviction that the Republican administration's means formerly considered exponents of high tariffs, will support foreign trade program.

Senator Wherry (Rep-Neb.) said however Senate Republicans probably will want to study any proposed tariff reductions before they pass judgment.

Wherry, who voted against extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, said he knew of no present intention on the part of Republicans to attempt to scuttle the act. But he added that if arbitrary reductions are made by the state department without what Republicans consider is sufficient justification, some action might be taken in congress to check these.

"I'm pretty strong on protecting American labor and the farmer," he told reporters.

The negotiations will be the most extensive ever carried out under the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act of 1934 which former Secretary of State Hull pioneered. Tariff cuts on thousands of items ranging from feathers to machinery will be considered.

Countries to be represented at the conference account for two-thirds of the world's trade. Only Russia has not accepted an American invitation.

President Truman released a statement terming the projected trade discussions "necessary to

REDS MAY LEAD FRENCH VOTING

Communist Expected To Get 26 Per Cent Of Votes For 619 Offices

PARIS, Nov. 9.—(U.P.)—France will elect tomorrow the 619 deputies who will govern the Fourth Republic for the next five years, and unofficial forecasts tonight were that the Communists would poll the largest vote.

These forecasts predicted that the vote would be divided among the main parties as follows: Communists, 26 per cent; Popular Republican Movement (MRP), 24 per cent; Socialists, 22 per cent; Right Wing parties, 16 per cent; and Left Republican Union 12 per cent.

These predictions represent considerable modifications of the vote in the June 2 constituent assembly elections, when the results were: Communists, 28.2 per cent; Socialists, 21.1 per cent; MRP 23.1 per cent; Left Republican Union, 11.5 per cent, and right wing, 13.1 per cent.

Some 25,380,000 voters in metropolitan France and overseas areas which have the status of departments—Algiers, Oran, Constantine,

Ports Authority To Ask Release Of River Funds

A resolution requesting release of "frozen" rivers and harbors funds for maintenance dredging of the Cape Fear river to restore and keep its standard depth of 30 feet is being prepared by the North Carolina State Ports Authority for presentation to President Truman and the state's delegation in Congress.

Approval of the spirit of the resolution was voted at a dinner meeting of the Authority here Friday night.

Appointed to draft the plea were William B. Campbell, city attorney, Cyrus D. Hogue, of the Wil-

Columbia Held For Grand Jury



J. Ralph Childers, 17, member of Columbians, Inc., anti-Negro organization, holds hands with Betty Penland, Columbia headquarters worker, in Recorder's court at Atlanta, Ga., during his hearing on a charge of beating a Negro. He was bound over to the grand jury. He wears a "Medal of Honor" given him by Columbians.

First Post-Election GOP Probe Started

Sen. Wherry Going Overseas To Scrutinize Food Shipments To Reds

BY JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Senator Wherry of Nebraska fired the Republicans' first post-election investigation at the Democrats today with the announcement that he will go to Europe to scrutinize food shipments to Russia and other countries.

Wherry told a news conference he intends to find out whether part of 1,100,000,000 pounds of American meat he said was sent to Europe in the first six months of this year had been used to feed Russian and Yugoslav troops.

As he announced his inquiry, first of the many Republican-controlled congress is expected to launch, there were these other political developments:

1. The White House announced that President Truman will issue a general policy statement at his first post-election news conference Monday morning. Intimates reported he will pledge himself to place the nation's welfare above personal or party interest in working with the Republican congress and express his hope particularly

GERMAN TREATY'S GROUNDWORK LAID

Hopes Rise That Touchy Trieste Problem Is Now Near Settlement

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The groundwork for Big Four talks on a German peace treaty late this month was being prepared tonight as hopes rose that the long deadlocked Trieste dispute might be near a solution.

American military government officials from Germany arrived in Washington this afternoon to begin British-American negotiations on the further merging their two zones. Secretary of State James F.

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British Hear Large Jewish Army

Vessel Ready To Rush British Blockade Circling Palestine

GUARDS POSTED

Jewish Resistance Movement Apparently Moving To "All-Out" War

LONDON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The Colonial office acknowledged today that it was acquainted with reports that a Jewish armada was preparing to rush the British blockade of Palestine, and Scotland yard announced that special guards had been placed at government buildings in London as a precaution against an expanded campaign by Jewish "terrorists."

These developments coincided with incidents in Palestine which a British officer said were significant because they meant the Jewish resistance movement had "declared all-out war."

The incidents included a broadcast from the "Voice of Fighting secret transmitter of Irgun Zvai Leumi, underground Jewish organization, which accepted the responsibility for the recent bombing of the British embassy in Rome and threatened to "extend our activities" to countries beyond the Holy Land.

Earlier, three British policemen were killed when they walked into a Jerusalem booby trap, the first instance of violence of the Jewish sabbath, and a British officer said this meant "These Jewish Terrorists are pulling out all the stops."

The policemen were killed when they answered a mysterious "tip" on a supposed arms cache. They opened a door and there was a heavy explosion which injured another and slightly hurt five Jews sleeping nearby.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the special precautions of placing extra guards inside and outside some government buildings in Downing and Charles streets and

SHRINERS READY FOR CEREMONIAL

Trio Of Bands To Feature Parade; 200 Novices To Be Initiated

A trio of bands will participate in the Shrine parade, during the Sudan Temple fall ceremonial in Wilmington Nov. 20-21, J. E. L. Wade, program chairman, announced yesterday.

The procession, scheduled to start at noon Nov. 21, will include the New Hanover High school band, the New Bern High school band, and the Shrine band among the marchers, Wade said.

The parade will start on Market street, proceed east on third, and move north on Red Cross street, thence west to Front and south to the City market, where a barbecue will be served, he reported.

The New Hanover High school band will play a concert in front of the city hall Nov. 20, at 7:30 p. m. The Sudan Shrine band will play on the 21st, at 8 o'clock, Wade reported, also at the city hall.

The ceremonial starts at 2:30 o'clock, Nov. 21, when 200 novices will be initiated by crossing "the hot sands of the desert."

Later, a Potentate's dance will be held in the Cape Fear armory,

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Sweeping Truman Order Lifts Ceilings On Goods And Wages

Production Burden Is Placed Upon Labor And Management

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—President Truman said tonight his wage decontrol order means that labor and management have the responsibility alone now for "the adjustment of their differences without interruption of production."

The President's decontrol statement lifting all government wage checks said the action means a return of "free collective bargaining."

In an appeal for labor-management peace, with government wage price regulations ended, Mr. Truman said "good

wages, full employment and sound business profits must depend upon management and workers cooperating to produce the maximum volume of goods at the lowest possible price."

The preliminary reaction of labor leaders was that the decontrol action would not tend to increase strikes. Both the AFL and CIO had called for elimination of the Wage Stabilization board and its regulations on wages.

The wage decontrol order applies to all industries and firms, with the single exception of

those which are still under federal seizure, such as the soft coal mines and several Great Lakes towing concerns.

All along during the past few months, as more and more price controls have been dropped, wage controls disappeared just as fast. Whenever an item was released from price control government wage controls on workers making that item vanished too.

This is the history of the wage control program, how it de-

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RENTS AND SUGAR STILL CONTROLLED

Presidential Action Precedes Swift End For All OPA Functions

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Price ceilings on everything except dwellings, sugar and rice were wiped away completely by President Truman tonight in one sweeping order which spelled the speedy end of OPA.

All government controls on wages and salaries, too, were abolished except in cases of government seizure, like the soft coal mines. Thus the Wage Stabilization Board goes out of business.

While the OPA ceilings will be continued, Mr. Truman indicated that they may be increased—"it may be that some adjustment of rents will be required," he said. But Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt announced that the scales and rental ceilings on new homes built under the veterans emergency housing program will stay as is.

The presidential order removed price ceilings from clothing, automobiles, building materials, furniture, metals, paper, coal, laundry—everything, in fact, that still remained under ceilings after the avalanche of recent decontrol actions except the scarce items of housing, sugar and rice.

The order was effective as of 12:01 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) Sunday, but price law violations before that time still may be prosecuted and businessmen are required to keep their records for another year.

Mr. Truman acted four days after the election which saw Republicans capture control of the senate and house in a campaign which swirled around the slogan "had enough" (of control and shortages). The action was in the works before election day, however, and was delayed only because of the extensive consultations necessary among the officials concerned.

Its principal impact was on these three agencies: OPA Price Administrator Paul Porter, now expected to resign shortly, announced that the much criticized agency "is proceeding immediately with liquidation" of its price functions. The local boards throughout the nation already are closed. A special liquidation agency probably will be set up to polish off the work.

WSB — Chairman W. Willard Wirtz announced that the Wage Stabilization Board's functions will (Continued on Page 2; Column 3)

LUMBERTON WRECK FATAL TO AUTOIST

Charlotte Man Burned To Death When Car Overturns And Burns

LUMBERTON, Nov. 9.—John Leo Bryant, Charlotte city employe, was burned to death and three other persons were hospitalized as the result of an automobile accident near the Lumber bridge here tonight at 7 o'clock.

Police said the fatal accident occurred when the car in which Bryant was riding with R. A. Gantt and Major Knight, both of Charlotte, was struck from the rear by another auto near the bridge and overturned down an embankment.

The car, according to police, caught on fire when the gas tank (Continued on Page 2; Column 3)

Nation's Hard Coal Miners Put In Bid For Pay Boost

Thieves Butcher Hog, Load It Into Waiting Auto, And Speed Away

G. D. Brock, who lives near the Cape Fear river bridge, will go along with the idea that the meat shortage has eased, but he will not agree that it is over. Here's why: Yesterday, he reported to the sheriff's office, a 150-pound hog belonging to him was killed by some thieves loaded into a waiting automobile on the highway and spirited away.

John L. Lewis Asked To Reopen Anthracite Coal Contract By Miners

By The Associated Press

The nation's hard coal miners put in their bid for pay boosts Saturday.

The Shenandoah, Pa., general mine board of the AFL United Mine Workers asked John L. Lewis to reopen the anthracite coal contract and demand a wage increase and shorter work week.

The request was made amid indications the government was seeking a dual-purpose formula for solving Lewis' demands for his 400,000 soft coal miners and for returning the bituminous mines to private ownership.

The showdown in the soft coal dispute will come Monday when the UMW chief meets with Secretary of Interior Krug to talk terms. Preliminary negotiations, seeking to avert a possible walkout of the soft coal miners, have been conducted by Lewis' aides and Capt. N. H. Collinson, Federal Coal Mines administrator. Lewis has notified the government the current contract will be terminated Nov. 20.

Lewis is believed to have asked the government for wage increases and shorter work week for his miners.

Meanwhile, the CIO Transport Workers union threw a picket line around the New York board of transportation headquarters and the government renewed efforts to end the 18 day old strike of AFL pilots on Trans World Airlines.

Leaders of the New York Transport workers union said the members would be polled Wednesday and Thursday on the question of striking against New York's unified transit system.

The strike threat was raised after the three man board of transportation voted two to one to reject a recommendation of Mayor William O'Dwyer's advisory committee that the board engage in collective bargaining with the dominant transit union, which is the TW group. Also at issue is the question of retroactivity of 20 cents an hour pay boost granted recently.

Chairman Frank P. Douglas of the National Mediation Board sought to end the TWA pilot's strike stalemate by bringing together in

METHODISTS NAME THREE FROM CITY

M'Girt Leads Rocky Mount District; Marks, Cooper Also Named

HENDERSON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The North Carolina Methodist conference accepted an invitation from Elizabeth City and voted to hold its 1947 session there.

Three Wilmington Methodists were named as lay leaders for the Rocky Mount district.

A report from the committee on Evangelism made today showed that the conference gained 13,778 members during the past year and that 375 revivals and 271 evangelistic campaigns were conducted during the year.

HOSPITAL GROUP BID TO BE MADE

Wilmingtonians Return From Washington With Advice On Procedure

The "fact-finding" mission to Washington seeking data on the possible location of a Veterans Administration hospital in New Hanover county was completed with the return yesterday of two of the three members of the group.

Members of the group, John Bright Hill, of the American Legion; Ken R. Noble, Veterans of Foreign Wars; and John H. Farrell, city industrial agent, who remained in Washington, conferred with Col. C. R. McDonald, executive assistant to General Omar Bradley, administrator of veterans' affairs, and other top VA officials on the far-reaching hospital plan being adopted by the administration.

According to Colonel McDonald, the VA seeks a location in eastern North Carolina to serve the eastern portion of the Carolinas, on a site of not less than 250 acres, of which 100 acres must be farmland.

The VA has "found" in the treatment of neuro-psychiatric disorders that the therapeutic effect of simple farming and gardening can not be over-estimated. Noble said the officials indicated.

Noble reported the officials he talked with had appeared "quite

Prime Minister Attlee Flays UN Proceedings; All Of U. S. Scanned For Final UN Home Site

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Top Football Scores

- Army 0, Notre Dame 0 (tie)
North Carolina 21, William and Mary 7.
Duke 13, Wake Forest 0.
Richmond 27, Davidson 6.
Georgia Tech 28, Navy 20.
Presbyterian 33, Wofford 14.
South Carolina 21, Maryland 7.
Georgia 33, Florida 14.
Vanderbilt 7, North Carolina State 0.
Arkansas 7, Rice 0.
Tennessee 18, Mississippi 14.

Soviets Withdraw Idea Of Having UN Headquarters In Europe

By LARRY HAUCK

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The United Nations today threw wide open the question of permanent headquarters site to take in the entire United States after the Soviets withdrew a request that Europe also be considered.

The Assembly approved the proposal over vigorous United States opposition but left hanging a demand by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and the Soviet Ukraine that the next Assembly session be held in Europe.

The site question went to debate after delegates unanimously approved the admission of Sweden, Iceland and Afghanistan to membership. This unopposed decision

Eure's Talk To Feature Armistice Day Program

Armistice Day will be observed in Wilmington tomorrow morning in exercises starting at 10:30 o'clock in front of the American Legion Home where Thad Eure, secretary of State, will make the principal address following a concert to be presented by the New Hanover High school ROTC band.

A city, county, state and federal offices will be closed and the post office will be open only from 10 o'clock until noon.

The banks and building and loan associations also will be closed for the day, as will the United States

Employment Service and the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Most members of the Wilmington Retail Merchants association have announced that retail stores in the city will be open.

City Manager J. R. Benson said that there will be no garbage collection today and he requested residents not to put out trash cans until Tuesday morning. Garbage will be collected in the down town section (Continued on Page 2; Column 7)