

WEATHER

FORECAST
North and South Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy and continued rather cold Sunday and Sunday night. Monday fair and warmer.

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SECTION-A

Wait For Hearing



These veterans of the Philippines campaign early in the war—some captured at Corregidor, others survivors of Bataan—have been called to Washington to testify against Navy Lieutenant Commander Edward N. Little at a court martial on charges of complicity in mistreatment of American fellow-captives in Japanese prison camps.

Trask Indicates Change In Airport Management

The possibility of the management of Bluetenthal airport being returned to an airport committee, under the jurisdiction of the New Hanover Board of County Commissioners, was indicated last night when George Trask, commissioner, said he favored such a change of policy.

NEWSMEN BARRED BY CITY GROUP

Legislators Meet With Fire, Police Committees On CSC Changes

"In accord" was the only report released following a two and one-half hour discussion last night by City Manager J. R. Benson and committees from the police and fire departments on proposed changes in the Civil Service Commission regulations.

Benson's statement following the meeting was simply: "The committees and City Manager reached a tentative agreement upon the proposed amendments and a bill will be drafted in accordance with the agreement for final approval of the two committees and the governing body of the city, at which time it will be made public."

Lennon and Kermon had been asked to meet with the committees to discuss the resolution which had been adopted by the city council at a meeting on Feb. 28, but Benson said "the legislators had nothing to say, but listened and knew that the group was in complete harmony."

Benson repeated that no statement would be made other than that these changes would not be made.

Truman Says Mexican Trip May Bring Others

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—President Truman's whirlwind visit to Mexico City this week may set the pattern for future good-will missions in the Western Hemisphere and stimulate trade below the border.

His visit, he told one gathering of newspapermen, may be followed by calls on "several other" Latin American nations. Previously, he had expressed a desire to visit Canada.

College President Dies In Louisiana

LOUISBURG, N. C., March 8.—(AP)—Dr. Walter Patten, president of Louisiana College, died suddenly this afternoon of a heart attack. Dr. Patten, an important figure in North Carolina religious circles, is survived by his widow; three sons, Paul R. Patten of Mount Olive, Lawrence Patten of San Antonio, Texas, and the Rev. Brooks Patten of Steadman; two daughters, Mrs. William C. Scott of Bristol, Tenn., and Mrs. J. Kempton Jones of Rochester, N. Y.; two brothers, Edwin Patten of New York and Wellington Patten of Palm Harbor, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. Faison of Norfolk and Mrs. H. J. Pope of Mount Olive.

1947 Red Cross Fund Drive Hitting Stride

The 1947 Fund campaign of the Wilmington Chapter, American Red Cross began to hit its stride during the past two days, passing its half way mark last night with \$11,043.76 contributed.

Over half the original quota of \$21,253 has been contributed, according to Co-chairman C. S. Carswell and N. A. Avera who expressed the belief last night that all divisions of the campaign will report quotas being met before the week is over.

The local campaign opened last Monday and is scheduled to close Friday. Avera said that "if the campaign continues on its present tempo, the goal will be met before the closing date."

VIOLENCE FLARES IN TEL AVIV AS FIVE DIE AMIDST RIOTING; SOUTH EUROPE SHOWDOWN SEEN

Washington Preparing For Parley

Truman Will Probably Announce Procedure For Dealing With Greece

HISTORIC DEBATE

Congressmen Withhold Comment On What Should Be Done With Appeal

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Rumblings of a prospective historic debate over America's role in southern Europe sounded today as the administration gathered last-minute reports on Britain's position in preparation for a Monday showdown on its course.

Words from the White House that President Truman probably will announce then, after a conference with 15 congressional leaders, his procedure for dealing with the Greek situation, perhaps a message to a joint session of congress or a radio broadcast to the nation.

Arrangements were made for the entire senate Republican membership to hear a report on the international developments Monday night from Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), chairman of the foreign relations committee and GOP leader on international matters.

In advance of the Monday meeting at the White House, most congressmen withheld comment on what ought or ought not to be done in the face of Greece's appeal for aid and impoverished Britain's prospective retrenchment.

Among these was Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the GOP policy committee who arranged the party's senatorial conference.

On the other side, Lewis W. Douglas, ambassador to Britain, said that "the position and welfare of Britain and the British Commonwealth of Nations is no less significant to the vital national interests of the United States during these critical times than they were during the war."

In addition to aid for Greece—with its indirect assistance to Turkey—many diplomats and congressmen expected Mr. Truman to ask for a direct American pro-uder Turkey.

That idea drew its background from the fact that Turkish economy is under heavy strain supporting an army which has been on a virtual war footing since the outbreak of European hostilities.

Some reports indicated the Turks had as much as 85 percent of their available manpower backing up their northern border against Russian demands for a strategic position on the Dardanelles.

Most of the talk about Turkey (Continued on Page Two, Col. 1)

Senate Group Votes 10-3 To Continue Sugar Ration

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—The full 35 pounds per ration book this year—10 more pounds per person than last year—if controls were extended.

Flanders also noted that under the extension bill the secretary of agriculture must remove the controls if he finds that domestic and world supplies of sugar will permit this at anytime during the next 12 months.

"We are working against a deadline on this," Flanders said because wartime rationing authority will expire at the end of this month unless extended.

Republican congressional leaders have the sugar control bill near the top of their legislative work list.

The committee action today brought another split in Republican ranks and came after a closed door session which senators pre-

ferred described as "very argumentative at times."

The three Republican votes against the bill were cast by Senators Bricker of Ohio, Buck of Delaware and McCarthy of Wisconsin.

Voting for the extension were Senators Flanders, Tobey (R-N.H.), Capehart (R-Ind.), Cain (R-Wash.), Wagner (D-N.Y.), Maybank (D-SC), Sparkman (D-Ala.), Fulbright (D-Ark.), Taylor (D-Idaho), and Robertson (D-Va.).

Support for the extension of controls came from government officials and numerous trade representatives of sugar refiners, bakers, candy manufacturers and small bottling works.

Opponents complained that the system of allocating sugar on a basis of past use tended to create monopolies that prevented entry of new business or expansions among industrial users.

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20 Injured As Military Fight Band

Four Major Attacks Preceded By Earlier Raids By Terrorists

SOLDIER KILLED

Newsman Witnesses One Assault As Car Is Shattered By Gunfire

JERUSALEM, Sunday, March 9.—(AP)—A British soldier and four Jewish Extremists were killed and at least 20 other persons were wounded yesterday as violence flared on a wide front inside the tightly-cordoned military law zone of Tel Aviv.

Wild shots cut power lines and plunged part of Tel Aviv in darkness until exploding bombs ignited a gasoline station and other small buildings, sending up flames visible for miles around. The Tel Aviv battle lasted an hour and 15 minutes.

The night's four major attacks—on citrus house, the Sarona Camp, the Jaffa police headquarters and another diversionary Jaffa assault at an undisclosed point in the city—were preceded in the evening and in the afternoon in Jerusalem, Haifa and the boundary line between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Three British soldiers were wounded seriously by exploding hand grenades thrown at a military patrol in the Jerusalem security zone near the Jewish Agency building and the Goldsmith Officers' club building, blasted last Saturday with a loss of 16 lives.

Two policemen were wounded by an explosion at an army camp in Haifa and three civilians were wounded by gunfire when a group of Jews attempted to storm a barbed wire barricade on the perimeter of the Tel Aviv martial law zone.

A newsman who witnessed the attack at Citrus House said a band of terrorists launched their assault at 9 p. m. (2 p. m., EST), hurling explosives while others tried to protect their bombardiers with a heavy offensive of machinegun and side arms fire.

The automobile in which the newsmen arrived at the scene was riddled with bullets, as were several houses surrounding Citrus House. Bombs fashioned of gasoline cans blew up two British Armored cars and body traps made of steel helmets caused casualties.

When the heavy barrage was lifted by the fleeing attackers and the gunfire dwindled to an occasional burst of rifle fire, it was determined that five persons had been killed—one of the British defenders and four of the attackers.

The night attacks climaxed the bloodiest day of violence since the British clamped sections of the Holy Land under tight martial law a week ago. Earlier today at least eight persons were wounded in three outbreaks in Northern Palestine. No fatalities were reported, however.

During the first phase of the Sarona attack, a British constable and an Arab policeman were wounded by exploding grenades. Guards at Citrus House engaged in gun battles with terrorists in the streets. Nine Jews were reported officially to have been wounded and hospitalized, but it was not determined whether they were members of the attacking band or residents of the area.

The outbreaks followed the interception by British sailors of a ship attempting to land 600 Jews on Palestine soil in defiance of British immigration restrictions.

An official announcement said the ship, named Abril, was boarded at noon off the port of Haifa. Reliable Jewish sources said approximately 600 would be immigrants were aboard.

Another immigrant ship was unofficially reported to be in Palestine waters, but this could not be confirmed.

The Weather

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday. TEMPERATURES: 1:30 a.m. 41; 3:30 a.m. 43; 5:30 p.m. 35; 7:30 p.m. 37. Maximum 44; Minimum 35; Mean 40; Normal 51. HUMIDITY: 1:30 a.m. 87; 7:30 a.m. 98; 1:30 p.m. 78; 7:30 p.m. 70. PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.21 inches. Maximum 0.21; Minimum 0.00. (From The Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) WILMINGTON: HIGH 11:41 a.m. 6:30 a.m.; LOW 5:22 p.m. 1:14 a.m. MASONBORO INLET: 9:25 a.m. 3:14 a.m.; 4:52 p.m. 12:32 p.m. SUNRISE 6:30; SUNSET 6:15; MOONRISE 9:04 p.m. MOONSET 8:09 a.m. RIVER STAGE AT FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. AT 9 a.m. Saturday, 12.4 feet.

PACT AGAINST GERMANY SEEN

Marshall Declares United States Wants Iron-Clad Peace Guarantee

BERLIN, March 8.—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall indicated today that a prime American objective in Moscow will be adoption of a four-power pact against Germany in order to give an iron-clad guarantee of the world that the United States intends to maintain her responsibilities in Europe.

He emphasized at a news conference that such a treaty would provide a political framework within which the United States, Britain, France and Russia might develop the final peace pact with Germany. It would clear away many of the difficulties now blocking allied peace settlements for Germany and Austria, he said.

He stressed strongly the need for such a pact, which James H. Byrnes, former Secretary of State, proposed originally for a 25-year period. Marshall recalled that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov suggested informally later that the period be extended to 40 years.

Saying that considerable doubt remained in Europe about the durability of American foreign policy and willingness to maintain responsibilities in Europe, Marshall declared adoption of a 40-year pact would prove to the world that the United States intended to continue her present role as an active participant in European affairs.

He attached importance to such a treaty in guaranteeing that Germany would not rearm and insuring immediate joint action against Germany in case the need ever arises.

The American secretary plans to leave tomorrow morning for Moscow where the Four-Power foreign ministers' conference will begin on Monday to discuss peace treaties for Austria and Germany.

Parish Services Set; Friday Interview Cited

Funeral services for Philip J. Parish, former police sergeant of the Wilmington police force who was found dead 100 yards off Community Drive, Greenfield Park Friday afternoon will be held from the Temple Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

John Ward of Ward's Funeral home said the body will lie in state at the church tomorrow afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock.

The Rev. W. J. Stephenson, pastor of the church will officiate and burial will follow in the Oakdale cemetery, Wilmington Lodge 319, AF and AM will render Masonic rites.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Drum and Bugle corps of the Sudan Temple, Parish's fellow workers of the police department, City Manager J. R. Benson, W. Thomas Brown and Dr. James F. Robertson.

Parish who was named to succeed former Chief Charles H. Cesteen as head of the local police department, had been in ill health prior to his death Friday. His doctors said he had been suffering from a nervous condition, and he had returned to his home, 1764, Carolina avenue, from James Walker Memorial hospital where he had been a patient.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. R. Parish, Sr., his wife Mrs. Ethel George Parish and a daughter Sara Beth.

Two brothers, Bradley of the U. S. Army and also a survivor, (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

Russia's Plan May Break Deadlock Of Great Powers

MOSCOW, March 8.—(AP)—Belief was strengthened in the Russian capital tonight that the Soviet Union might come forward with a plan for Germany that would be a positive move towards breaking what appeared on the eve of the big four foreign ministers' conference to be a deadlock between the great powers. This belief, it should be added, came from Russian sources.

In contrast to the pessimism in the American and British delegations over chances for success at Moscow, there was a spirit of sober optimism among the Russians over the prospect of arriving at concrete decisions. Definitely, there was no pessimism among the Soviet delegation.

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