

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and a little warmer today; Wednesday considerable cloudiness with little change in temperature.

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Atomic Nominees Hear Good News



The above photograph shows Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) left, chairman of the Senate Atomic Energy commission announcing to commission nominees, result of the committee vote of 8 to 1, yesterday recommending their confirmation by the Senate. Left to right are: Sen. Hickenlooper, David E. Lilienthal, Sumner Pike, Robert F. Bacher, W. W. Waymack, Lewis Strauss and Carroll Wilson.

Atomic Energy Committee Endorses Lilienthal 8 To 1

GRAHAM REJECTS REQUEST FOR AID

Highway Commission Head Says Ample Consideration Given Project

State Highway Chairman A. H. Graham has declared a "hands off" position on the controversial aid in a survey to be conducted for the purpose of routing a main traffic artery for Wilmington. The contents of which were released yesterday.

Graham's letter, in answer to a request by Benson for engineering aid in a survey to be conducted for the purpose of routing a main traffic artery for Wilmington, stated that as far as his department was concerned the truck route was a dead issue in view of the recent rejection of the commission's plan for a truck route by the city council.

He rejected Benson's request for aid by saying that ample consideration had been given the project and that he felt that further work in the way of a survey by the department was not justified.

In noting that the city council had rejected the commission's proposal Graham's letter read in part:

"I am sorry that the recommendation of this Commission, which represented the careful study of several engineers and also several conferences with the engineers representing the Public Roads Administration, did not

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INDIA DEATH TOLL TOTALS OVER 550

Critical Situation Expected In Punjab Today By British Authorities

LAHORE, India, March 10.—(AP)—Violence flared anew today in the Punjab after a terror-filled week in which at least 550 persons were killed, and a high provincial official said a "critical" situation was expected tomorrow, designated as "Anti-Pakistan Day" by Sikhs and Hindus.

Heavily armed Indian troops and police enforced peace in Southern portions of this province and in the large cities, but fighting between Moslems and Sikh-Hindu allies continued in the Northwest, particularly in Cambellpur and Rawalpindi.

While official estimates placed the number of dead in the week-long fighting at 550, unofficial tallies indicated that the total might be double or triple that figure.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

DE GOOD BOOK SAY DON' MARRY UP WID NO STRANGE WOMAN — BUT DEYS ALL STRANGE ONE WAY ER 'NER!



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NAVY NOW MODIFYING ORDER OF \$97,252 FOR FINGER BOWLS

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—Senator Aiken (R-Vt) told the Senate today that the Navy is "modifying" its order for \$97,252 worth of silver-plated finger bowls.

Moreover, he said, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal has agreed there is a distinction between the "necessities and niceties" of living for the men who go down to the sea in ships.

The Vermont lawmaker, who criticized the original order, said Forrestal advised him that the "niceties" have been ordered deleted.

Aiken, chairman of the Senate Executive Expenditures committee, said the tableware request included 38,744 silver-plated finger bowls with distinguishing marks of seven different ranks.

Forrestal explained that none of the silverware was purchased because of the prices in bids, Aiken said, and subsequently directed the Bureau of Ships to change to simpler specifications.

DOGS LOSE SCENT OF PYRE SUSPECT

Police Push Search For Negro Accused Of Killing Woman

LUMBERTON, March 10.—Police pushed a widening search today for a transient Negro farm worker accused of fatally stabbing a white farmer's wife and leaving her blood-stained body on a blazing haystack pyre.

The body of Mrs. Frank Roberts, her clothing disheveled from a terrific struggle, was dragged from the burning haystack by members of her family who saw the blaze from a nearby church where they had attended Sunday evening worship.

She had not been criminally assaulted but officers said her clothing indicated she died trying to protect herself from assault.

Policeman W. L. Price said a Negro known only as Johnny Jones, about 30, a happy-go-lucky migratory worker, was being sought throughout the flat pine-woods and farming territory of Southeastern North Carolina.

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WEATHERMAN SAYS CITY WILL ENJOY CONTINUED WARMTH

All you pleasure fishermen can begin to oil up your rod and reel, because the weatherman says that we're going to have warm weather for a while. No sign of anything cold is in sight, he says.

Today will be slightly warmer than yesterday, with the mercury due to hit about 56 degrees. And though the prediction is "partly cloudy" for today, he says there is no chance of rain.

Cane-Bottomed Chair Joins Old Grey Mare

NEW YORK, March 10.—(AP)—Grandma's cane-bottomed chair isn't what it used to be, but if you own a piece of old English or French furniture, keep sitting in it — its value is going up.

That, chiefly, is the current citation in antiques as told by experts today at the opening of the National Antiques show in Madison Square Garden.

Long Battle Looked For On Confirmation By Senate Wednesday

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP) The Atomic committee voted 8 to 1 today in favor of David E. Lilienthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy commission and sent its endorsement to the Senate, where a long battle is expected.

Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), committee chairman, issued a statement saying he voted for Lilienthal because he deemed such a vote in the best interests of the United States. He said the committee heard no evidence to support charges that Lilienthal was a Communist, or was friendly to Communism.

Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) cast the lone committee vote against Lilienthal, thus lining up with his fellow Ohio lawmaker, Senator Taft, for an expected bitter debate on the Senate floor.

Bricker subsequently told a news conference that "radicals, pinkies or ultra liberals are working in and about the atomic energy project."

CITES FBI RECORDS Bricker said FBI records, just made available to the committee last Thursday, disclosed that some of the men already appointed to important positions by Lilienthal and by Carroll Wilson, general manager — designate, "are subject to serious question as to their loyalty to our form of government."

Bricker said FBI records also show that a brother of still another official, connected with security measures, is a Communist.

Cleared to the Senate along with Lilienthal for a final confirmation vote were the other four members of the commission — W. W. Waymack, Dr. Robert F. Bacher, L. L. Strauss and Sumner T. Pike — and General Manager Wilson.

FUND CAMPAIGN SHOWING GAINS

Red Cross Donations Reach \$12,559 With Four Days To Go

With contributions totaling \$12,559.96, J. H. Carswell and N. A. Avera, co-chairmen of the Red Cross campaign, said yesterday that they were "very gratified" with yesterday's closing figure.

With only four days left in the drive, a slightly better average is needed, they added, in order that the goal of \$21,253 be reached by Saturday night.

The campaign is running close to schedule, Carswell said, but any let-up now would mean that the goal would not be reached.

The co-chairmen again urged that all chairmen make daily reports to campaign headquarters in room 231, second floor of the Customhouse.

Team number two of the advanced gifts committee, headed by J. Henry Gerdes, has reached its goal, it was reported.

Contributions of employes in local firms and business offices

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Lewis, Miners Win Mandate Force Delay

Court Refuses To Settle Into Settling Date ADVISEMENT

Government Lawyers Petition Immediate Crack-down On UMW

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP) John L. Lewis and his United Mine workers (AFL) won a temporary delay today in the execution of a Supreme court mandate ordering them to withdraw their April 1 coal strike notice and reinstate their contract with the government.

Despite government pleas for an immediate crackdown on the UMW chieftain, to avert all possibility of another strike, the High court refused to be rushed into setting a deadline for Lewis and the union to comply with the decision handed down against them last Thursday.

That verdict held both defendants in contempt of court for their refusal to obey an anti-strike injunction issued by a lower federal court last fall. It upheld Lewis' \$10,000 fine and reduced the union's fine from \$3,500,000 to \$700,000 on condition that the original strike notice, now set for April 1, be withdrawn unconditionally, within five days after issuance of the court mandate.

Customarily, however, a Supreme court mandate is not issued until 25 days after the decision is announced, in order to give the losers time to petition for a rehearing.

Assistant Attorney General John F. Smeeth asked the court today to waive the 25-day waiting period on the grounds that the public interest requires quick action. Under the terms of the strike order issued by Lewis last Dec. 7, he said, the danger exists that the miners will quit again on April 1 unless they are expressly forbidden to do so.

The justices announced, however, that the petition would be taken under advisement.

If they reject the petition, the mandate would be withheld until March 31 and would not become binding until Lewis and the UMW until four days after the strike deadline.

UMW Counsel Welly K. Hopkins scoffed at Smeeth's plea that the public interest is menaced by the coal situation.

"AMBER" CLEARED BY COURT RULING

Superior Judge Donahue Restores Winsor Novel To Store Sale

BOSTON, March 10.—(AP)—Superior Court Judge Francis J. Donahue, restored to sale in Massachusetts today Kathleen Winsor's novel "Forever Amber" with a finding that it is "not obscene, indecent or impure."

The book itself was brought to trial—not the bookseller or publisher—in a three-day session which was the first test of new Massachusetts censorship law, unique in the nation.

Court action was started by Massachusetts Attorney General Clarence A. Barnes on a petition alleging that the novel of a gay beauty of England's restoration during the trial Judge Donahue said that he fell asleep after 10 minutes of reading "Amber."

The new censorship code which became law in Massachusetts in 1945 replaced earlier statutes under which the bookseller and publisher could be held liable for court action over a questionable book.

Under the new law a civil ruling on a book is required prior to any criminal prosecution of possible future sales.

Along The Cape Fear

RESERVE AGAIN — Thanks to Mr. D. D. Barber of 317 South Fifth Avenue, Along The Cape Fear can bring you not only a sketch of the former Naval Reserve unit in the Port City but also a complete roster of the men.

The unit was organized about 1890 by a Mr. Barnard who came here to build our first electric street railway system, Mr. Barber says.

Included in the North Carolina Naval Reserve were men from Kinston and New Bern in addition to local residents. It was from this combined group that the wartime crew which participated in the Spanish-American War.

A Lieutenant Moore, a regular Navy officer, was in charge of the monitor-type ship Nantucket when she left Wilmington.

TAKES COMMAND — Lieut. George L. Morton assumed command of the Nantucket shortly after he left the Port City, Mr. Barber recalls.

But now for the men who served in the unit: The officers included Lieut. George L. Morton, in command; Lieut. H. H. McIlhenny, executive

MARSHALL BLOCKS MOLOTOV MOVE ON CHINA QUESTION; CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MAY QUIT

McClelland Tenders His Resignation

Police Department Representative Makes Request To Acting Chief

OTHERS EXPECTED

Action Follows Request By City Council For Change In Law

Already one member of the civil service commission has tendered his resignation and indications are that at least three other members will follow suit shortly.

Col. Royce McClelland, board member who represents the police department, tendered his resignation last night to become effective March 17.

His resignation came in the form of a letter to acting Police Chief O. V. Thompson, who declined to comment on the action other than to acknowledge the receipt of the resignation.

Other board members are Norwood S. Westbrook, representing the fire department; the Rev. H. J. Wilson, the Ministerial association; and Dr. David Murchinson, the medical association. The fifth member, and chairman of the commission is Nathan Haskett, representative.

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NEW HOUSE BILL WOULD AID NEGRO

Rep. Burgin Of Henderson Offers Measure For Two-Year Medical School

RALEIGH, March 10.—(AP)—Rep. L. L. Burgin of Henderson tonight introduced a bill in the legislature calling for the establishing of a two-year medical school for Negroes in connection with North Carolina college at Durham.

Burgin said the funds for the school should come from the unexpended balance of the general fund, or if there is no unexpended balance, the sum of \$800,000 should be taken from the general fund reserve fund.

The bill sets forth that the location of the school would be determined by the college board of trustees who also would determine the size of the building, amount and type of equipment.

Burgin said a recent U. S. Supreme court ruling in the Gaines case from Missouri held that education opportunities provided for the white race also must be provided for the non-white race.

The introduction of the bill came during the week that the legislature's joint appropriations committee is scheduled to consider the establishing of four-year medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Burgin requested House Speaker Tom Pearsall to place the bill with the Appropriations committee. Pearsall demurred, and said he was of the opinion that the bill should go to higher education and then later to appropriations.

Rep. William T. Hatch of Wake introduced a bill which would amend the general statutes with reference to controversies over State Highway commission contracts.

Hatch's proposal provides for the appointment of one "competent person" each by the commission and the claimant and for the selection by those persons of a third person for a three-member board of review.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

Listed as chief petty officers by Mr. Barber, were Tom Trent Cook, W. H. C. Hodges, John W. Cotton, Jr., James S. Williams, L. L. Corbett, H. N. Parsley, W. A. Vick, Jr., J. J. Furlong, Joe Zendeke, Charles Lindquist, Robert B. Morse, W. T. Taylor, and H. G. McFarland.

Petty officers first class: F. S. Burr, C. E. Gause, John Maunder, Jr., C. A. Steed, George R. Penny, A. H. Dicksey, Thomas W. Barr, David D. Barber, J. A. Pearce, M. L. Skipper, J. M. Loftin, J. A. White, and J. E. Holton.

MORE PETTY OFFICERS—Petty Officers second class listed were H. N. Lathan, H. B. Peschau, H. B. Williams, J. W. Robinson, A. T. Piver, E. S. Burris, Frank Williams, W. E. Doshier. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

Truman To Explain Middle East Plans

The Weather President Will Address Joint Session; Holds "Key" Conference

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—President Truman will tell a joint session of Congress Wednesday exactly what he proposes the United States should do in the Middle East, where Communism seeks to expand.

He will outline "the whole situation" including plans for aid to Greece and Turkey.

Arrangements for the historic address were made today as Mr. Truman gave key Republicans and Democrats of Congress, in secret, a final briefing in advance to enlist their support.

His message to the joint session (Senate and House together) at 1 p. m. (EST) Wednesday will be the first public announcement of administration policy in the Mediterranean and Balkans since the British gave notice they must retreat.

For Greece, the President is expected to recommend a \$250,000,000 loan to bolster the government and surplus American arms and military supplies now in Germany to help Greek troops fight Communist-trained guerrillas. Greece has asked for U. S. help.

For Turkey, which has not similarly requested aid, Mr. Truman had under consideration a proposed \$150,000,000 loan, said one legislator who attended the White House conference. The proceeds could possibly be used in part, this individual said, to buy surplus American military goods now in Europe.

Some House members predicted the President will ask for authority to provide financial and military support also for Italy.

One, who was not at the conference, said he understood authority would be sought to send American officers to train Greek, Turkish and Italian troops.

Congress, by its action on the recommendations, can tell the administration whether to go ahead all-out, partially, or not at all.

The debate, in its impact on the future, may rank in importance with that on the Neutrality act and Lend-Lease before American entry into World War II. It started actually last week, on the basis of what had become known on the administration policy, and continued today.

Mr. Truman was said to have emphasized to the Congressional leaders that he and his administration see the prospective American move in Greece as serving world peace and the United States primarily, and Britain only secondarily.

However, the selection of 12 men from the list of 250 may take more than a day, court attendants believe.

Ganey's case, which heads a list of four other murder cases, probably will take the spotlight in this week's court news. He has been in jail without privilege of bond since he allegedly walked up to Henderson's parked car and pumped two bullets into the machine, one of which took effect in the young man's body.

According to testimony brought out at the coroner's hearing here on the night of Oct. 31, Ganey allegedly shot Henderson over his daughter, Rebecca.

Jasper Westbrook, also of Jacksonville, who rode to Wilmington with Henderson on the night of the fatal shooting, told the coroner's jury that he was seated in the car with Henderson when Ganey walked up to the automobile and stuck a .25-caliber pistol in the car and fired the weapon twice.

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COAST GUARD PLANE DROPS PENICILLIN TO STRICKEN CREWMEN

NEW YORK, March 10.—(AP)—Penicillin for a 28-year-old crewman believed stricken with spinal meningitis was dropped aboard a freighter at sea today by a Coast Guard plane which made a 25-mile mercy flight in an attempt to remove the man from the vessel.

The Coast Guard said that a physician aboard its PBM, which made the flight from Elizabeth City, N. C., believed from radioed messages that the unidentified sailor was suffering from meningitis and ruled his condition was too serious for removal.

The vessel, the SS Mercemerford, owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship company, will be placed under quarantine if the diagnosis is confirmed. The Mercemerford is due to dock at Charleston, S. C., at 11 p. m. tomorrow.

The Coast Guard plane left Elizabeth City when the Mercemerford messaged that it had a sick man aboard. The Public Health service at Miami, Fla., radioed medical advice to the ship while the plane was enroute.

Miami Herald Publishes First Newspaper By Radio

MIAMI, Fla., March 10.—(AP)—The Miami Herald went to press by radio today with a facsimile newspaper.

The first public demonstration of the future was made by frequency modulation (FM) broadcast from the Herald's editorial room to Miami Edison High school.

In the school's assembly room some 1,200 students gathered to watch the silent, visual broadcast. As they looked, the newspaper unfolded page by page before their eyes. Lester Barnhill, promotion man-

Soviets Pull Surprise At Moscow Meet

U. S. Secretary Of State Counters With Diplomatic Word Thrust

DELAYS REQUESTED

Initial Session Of Important Conference Proves Harmonious

MOSCOW, March 10.—(AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in a surprise move tonight injected the enormously complicated China question into the opening session of the Four-Power Foreign Ministers conference on Austria and Germany.

U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall blocked an immediate vote on Molotov's proposal to place China on the agenda. Marshall then countered with a diplomatic surprise of his own, suggesting that the conference discuss limitation of allied troops in occupied countries of Europe.

The Russian diplomat, who presided over the opening session of the momentous meeting, said China should be discussed in the light of the Moscow conference of 1945, at which the United States, Britain and Russia agreed to a policy of non-intervention in Chinese affairs.

Marshall replied he had no fundamental objection to such a discussion, but wanted to think it over at least until tomorrow.

Seeks Time Also Molotov said that he, too, would like time to think over Marshall's proposal about limitation of allied occupation troops, before agreeing to place it on the agenda.

Should both subjects be scheduled for discussion, the scope of the already complex program would be widened enormously.

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COMMODITY MARTS HAVE HECTIC DAY

March Wheat Hits New 27-Year High At \$2.74; Bread Advances

CHICAGO, March 10.—(AP)—A booming grain market today featured price increases over a wide group of commodities, including such diverse items as bread, cotton and steel scrap.

Along with these advances, however, were declines in such items as butter, meat animals and foreign silver.

These were the highlights of a hectic day in commodity markets: Wheat futures advanced 10 cents a bushel, the daily limit, on the Chicago Board of Trade. March wheat sold at \$2.74, a new year high. Cash wheat soared at all markets with Minneapolis prices up 11 cents. Oats rose to a 27 year peak and corn gained nearly 8 cents a bushel.

Flour prices were advanced 30 to 60 cents a sack at Minneapolis. Bread prices were hiked 1 to 3 cents a loaf at New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Minneapolis and other cities. Canada raised its export wheat price 10 cents a bushel to \$2.90.

Oil Prices Up Standard Oil company (Indiana) raised crude oil prices 25 cents a barrel in all areas where it purchases. Phillips Petroleum company and Deep Rock Oil corporation met the advance. Other oil companies were expected to fall in line.

The United Press dispatch relating to bread price increases reported that early wheat prices at Chicago were three to five and one-fourth cents higher, with March wheat futures hitting \$2.67 a bushel, the highest of any wheat contract since 1920.

Futures for other months were at prices not touched since 1917, it was reported.

And So To Bed

Confinement in the penitentiary is a gruesome experience to most people.

But to one who appeared in News-Hanover county Superior Court yesterday as a state witness against another man, it is as nothing. Or that's the way he seemed to express himself.

He was asked by the defense attorney how many times he had been in the Atlanta penitentiary.

"I haven't been in a penitentiary," said he. "What penitentiary have you been in?" the attorney persisted.

"I haven't been in a penitentiary," the witness retorted. "I was sent to Petersburg."

"What for?" the attorney continued. "For defrauding the mails!" he said. "How many times have you been indicted," the attorney continued. "I don't keep up with that!" he declared in finality.