

### FORECAST:

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## Veto Threat Clouds Tax Cut, Labor Bills

### President Maintains Strict Silence on President's Attitude Regarding Two Major Congressional Measures

WASHINGTON, May 30 — (AP) — The possibility of Presidential vetoes for one or both of Congress' major measures—labor union regulation and income tax reductions—surrounded them with uncertainty today.

Maintaining strict silence about his present attitude, President Truman prepared a place on his busy schedule for the two bills which will reach him next week after the formality of final House and Senate approval.

This means he will have until about mid-June to approve or veto the bills, both of which are far afield from his recommendations.

## SHIPYARD STAYS ON STANDBY BASIS

### Maritime Commission Drops 66 From Payroll

#### L. E. Voss In Charge

L. T. McCarthy, assistant director of the Surplus Properties division of the United States Maritime Commission said yesterday afternoon that the Wilmington shipyard will remain on a standby basis.

McCarthy also disclosed that the local payroll will be slashed by \$15,000 a month as he reduced the personnel. Cutting of the personnel to a permanent standby basis came as he issued a sweeping order changing sales procedures of the division. The change will effect yards from Jacksonville, Fla., to South Portland, Maine.

At the same time McCarthy, in a personal visit to the Wilmington yards, said activity at the yard will be confined to stripping of ships by the reserve fleet division as the vessels are prepared for layup basin.

The standby crew will keep the yard in repair so that it may be reopened in event of an emergency.

### Stripped Item Sales

Making a tour of yards along the South Atlantic coast, and the New England coast, McCarthy declared that all sales of stripped ship items would be handled from a central office in the future and not in the respective yards.

Yards affected are Brunswick, which handled sales for Savannah, Brunswick and Jacksonville, Boston, South Portland, Maine and Providence, Rhode Island.

Late yesterday he cut standby personnel at the local yards from 181 to 95 employees, 45 of whom are being retained on a loan basis to War Assets.

Yards affected by the order are Brunswick, which handled sales for Savannah, Brunswick and Jacksonville, Boston, South Portland, Maine and Providence, Rhode Island.

The Maritime official said all sales of items stripped from ships along the South Atlantic will be handled at Baltimore and New York. Items from the New England coast will be handled from the New York office.

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## MRS. TRUMAN SITS UP; HOLDING OWN

### General Graham Reports President's Mother Copes With Complications

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 30 — (AP) — Mrs. Martha E. Truman "just held the fort today while 'topping with little complications' that have arisen in her serious illness of the past two weeks, her physician said tonight.

Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, personal physician to President Truman, said the complications were taken care of all right, and added that the 94-year-old mother of the President sat up for a few minutes in her bedside chair this afternoon.

"Her condition is still favorable," Graham emphasized. "Although she just held her own today after continuing in a progressive upward trend the past few days."

General Graham remained here to keep close watch on Mrs. Truman, while the President returned to Washington yesterday after spending 12 days at his mother's bedside.

## The Weather

FORECAST:  
North Carolina: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Saturday and Sunday.  
South Carolina: Partly cloudy and mild Saturday; warmer Sunday, scattered showers in coastal area.  
(Eastern Standard Time)

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:

6:30 a. m. 73; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 69; Maximum 76; Minimum 71; Mean 73; Normal 72.

HUMIDITY  
6:30 a. m. 82; 7:30 a. m. 87; 1:30 p. m. 78.

PRECIPITATION  
Total since the first of the month .02 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington: HIGH 7:13 a. m.; 1:58 a. m.; 7:49 p. m.; 2:10 p. m.  
Masonboro Inlet: 5:04 a. m.; 11:16 a. m.; 5:42 p. m.; 11:54 p. m.  
Surprise 5:02; Moonset 7:17; Moonrise 4:31; Moonset 3:12.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. 6.5 ft. Aridity missing feet.

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## Second Major Air Disaster In Two Days

### Takes Toll Of 53 Lives In Maryland; Seeks 35 Cent Hourly Pay Hike

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Hence the concentration of efforts to get a working agreement in the next 30 days. Lewis is conducting two sets of negotiations—one with the representatives of 75 per cent of the industry in the North, Midwest and far West, and the other with the remaining 25 per cent in the South. The latter group insisted on bargaining separately. Their conferences recessed until Tuesday morning.

Lewis is directing the North-West negotiations personally and he insisted on meeting on the holiday. Before this conference with the North-West operators, the United Mine Workers' chief talked for an hour and one-half with the 25 presidents of UMW bituminous-producing districts, and for another hour with his 200-man policy committee which has been standing by for a couple of weeks.

Information that Lewis' wage demands, if granted, would add 35 cents to the \$1.18 1-2 hourly pay of the miners came from persons in close contact with the principals—though not parties to the dispute.

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## Shorter Work Week 'Hinted'

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## Italian Cabinet Almost Complete

### Premier-Designate De Gasperi Announces New Government Formation

ROME, May 30 — (AP) — Premier-designate Alcide De Gasperi announced tonight he had chosen a new Italian cabinet composed of members of his Christian Democratic party and independents, leaving Communists and Socialists out of the government for the first time in three years.

After six days of negotiation with political leaders during which he met bitter hostility from Leftist parties angered at the prospect of being ignored in the cabinet selections, De Gasperi told newsmen as he left the office of Provisional President Enrico De Nicola:

"I have concluded my labor with positive results."

De Gasperi, whose cabinet selections De Nicola approved to night, said the official announcement of the new list would not be made immediately.

The delay, he said, was because one of the men he had chosen was out of Italy and his final assurance that he would serve in the cabinet had not been received.

This man was understood to be Cesare Merzagora, 48-year-old Milan industrialist, who is slated for the industry-commerce of the foreign trade portfolio and who is now in Brazil on business.

The premier-designate said he hoped to "conclude definitely" his task on Sunday.

In a brief statement to newsmen, De Gasperi made no reference to Communist-Socialist charges that their exclusion from the cabinet indicated that he was attempting to establish an Italian dictatorship.

A reliable Christian Democratic source said the new ministry was composed of 10 or 11 members of that party and four or five other men who would serve as independents, although some of them were affiliated nominally with other political parties.

## Conservation Essential, Col. Gillette Declares

### GENERAL'S SON 1947 HONOR MAN AT WEST POINT, RECORD HOWS

WEST POINT, N. Y., May 30 — (AP) — Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, U. S. military academy superintendent, announced today that 22-year-old Robert N. Montague, Jr. of Fort Bliss, Tex., son of Brig. Gen. Montague, is the honor man of the class of 1947.

Montague will be the first of 310 cadets who will receive diplomas from General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower at commencement exercises Tuesday.

Montague will be commissioned in the field artillery and stationed at Fort Bliss where his father is commanding general.

The elder Montague graduated from West Point in 1919.

## Eight New Hanover Girls Among WC Graduates

GREENSBORO, May 30 — Among the 413 seniors who will be graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina Monday morning, June 2, will be eight students from New Hanover County, seven of them from Wilmington.

Speakers for the graduating exercises in Aycock Auditorium will be Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina; Dr. W. C. Jackson, Wo-

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FIREMEN AND POLICE dig through the charred ruins of a United Airlines plane after it crashed at LaGuardia Field, New York, Thursday, on a night takeoff. Bodies of victims lie in the foreground. Official sources said 59 persons were killed and 9 injured. The big four-engine plane carried 44 passengers and a crew of 4.—(AP Wirephoto).

## Americans Everywhere, Honor War Dead; Holiday Death Toll Passes 100 Mark

CONSHOHOCKEN, Pa., May 30 — (AP) — Maybe it's just beginner's luck but Matthew Hason in his first year as a gardener already has a ripe tomato.

He called in his neighbors today to see it. The tomato, measuring two inches in diameter and perfectly formed, is the first one to be reported this year in this rich agricultural region of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Hason said he grew his tomato plants indoors and set them out May 4. Ripening normally starts in early July.

## White House Aides Place Wreath At War Hero's Tomb In Arlington

Commemoration of the war dead was made yesterday at 11 o'clock at the National cemetery, 20th and Market streets, as soldiers, sailors, and marines, who had died in the service of their country, were honored by Wilmington's first joint veterans service Memorial Day program.

The brief, but impressive ceremony, which was jointly sponsored by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans Auxiliaries, drew a moderate crowd. Downtown Wilmington was draped with flags flying at half mast and city, county, and federal offices were closed.

The Rev. J. L. Davis, American Legion chaplain, gave the invocation at the services conducted at the flagpole by members of the G. A. R.

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## AIR TANK BLAST INJURES TWO MEN

### Seven Others Unhurt In Accident Aboard U. S. Tugboat 705 Yesterday

Two men were injured when an air tank on the U. S. Tug 705, blew up as the vessel was heading south in the Inland waterway yesterday afternoon about 15 miles south of New River Inlet, attaches at the Oak Island Coast guard station reported last night.

The tug was towing three army boats south in the inland waterway when the explosion occurred. John W. Cavenaugh and Edward J. Hartung were injured in the blast, which occurred about 12:15 o'clock.

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## Pushbutton Warfare Scares Mexicans; Paralyzed Veteran Aids Paraplegics Along The Cape Fear

NEW YORK, May 30 — (AP) — A paralyzed war veteran who lost the use of both arms and both legs in an army accident four years ago today is waging a quiet battle for fellow-sufferers — editing a monthly paper devoted to their interests.

John M. Price, 36, of Stroudsburg, Pa., the "quadraplegic veteran," founded "The Paraplegia News" a year ago and wrote every article contained in some of the early issues.

Sitting in a wheelchair in the Bronx Veterans hospital, Price taps out his copy on a special electric typewriter. He barely is able to move his arms, but only a flickering touch of a finger on the keys of his machine is sufficient.

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## EAL Non-Stop Ship Crashes

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## And So To Bed

Two Morning Star reporters gathered at the fishing tackle store and took off for the beach early yesterday morning. It was about 3:30 a. m. when the would-be anglers arrived at their destination.

Hooks were baited and lines cast to sea, but at press time this morning, no one, not even the anglers themselves, have been able to determine the number of fish landed.

Says one—"We must have caught about 35 or 40."

Says the other—"I think we had about 15 or 20."

The reason for the discrepancies in the stories: The fishermen forgot to get their story straight before entering the office.