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Truman Fills Labor Board

Abe Murdock, Utah Democrat, J. Copeland Gray, Republican Appointed

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—President Truman rounded out the expanded National Labor Relations board today. He also completed a 12-member group to study government reorganization, and said he expects his flood control plan to go through Congress this session despite Republican opposition.

These were the highlights of his news conference.

To the two new posts on the Labor board provided by the Taft-Hartley law he named Abe Murdock, Utah Democrat defeated for reelection to the Senate last November, and J. Copeland Gray, Buffalo Republican, industrialist, and former member of the National Wage Stabilization board.

He reappointed the three present board members—Paul M. Hertzog, chairman, and John M. Houston and James J. Reynolds, Jr., and named as general counsel Robert N. Denham, a Maryland Republican, a native Missourian, and now a board trial examiner.

By-Partisan Board

Mr. Truman made four appointments to the bi-partisan commission to make what he called a "bold, comprehensive and fundamental review of all aspects" of the government's executive branch: Navy Secretary James Forrestal, Civil Service Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming, Forman Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson, and George H. Mead, Dayton, Ohio, industrialist.

Speaker Martin (R-Mass) and Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) Senate president pro tem, each have named four members as provided by law. Martin included former President Hoover in the group he announced yesterday.

Other subjects touched on at the White House news conference: Economics—when his attention was called to contentions that oil supplies might be exhausted in 25 years, he said that is one of the questions being studied by his commission looking into the impact the Marshall plan for aiding Europe may have on domestic economy.

Economic Report

He said his economic report goes to Congress Monday will see TRUMAN on Page Four

COL. JOHN HUGHES MOVED HERE

Acting Engineer At Charleston Will Replace Col B. C. Snow

Col. John B. Hughes, Charleston District Engineer, has been named acting engineer for the Wilmington District by officials of the U. S. Engineers to replace Col. B. C. Snow who is being transferred to Guam.

Col. Snow, who has headed the U. S. Engineers here since November of last year, will be transferred soon to Guam for two years active duty, according to officials.

A native of the Yellow Branch community in Campbell county, Va., Col. Hughes was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1918.

On Control Council

A veteran of World War II, Col. Hughes served for two years in the European theater of war, and after the invasion of Europe he served on the U. S. Control Council in the office of military government in Germany.

He returned to the United States a July of last year and was assigned as Charleston District Engineer last October.

Immediately following his graduation from West Point Col. Hughes served in France and was then on duty in Panama in the early 1930's. From 1931 to 1936 he was on rivers and harbors work in Washington and was later engineer at West Point.

Varied Duties

In 1940 he assumed duties as engineer at Langley Field, Va., and was on the general staff later that year, and in 1942 he was connected with the Army ground forces in Washington.

Col. Hughes has been awarded the Army commendation ribbon, and the Legion of Merit with an oak leaf cluster.

The Weather

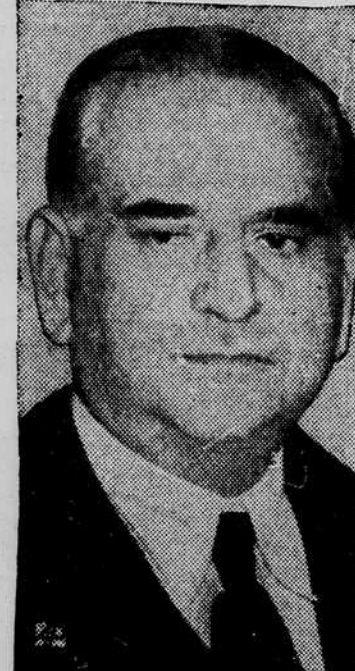
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North Carolina—Partly cloudy and rain Friday and Saturday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms Friday and Friday night and in East Carolina Saturday.

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

PRECIPITATION (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

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



ENVOY—Constantin Tsaldaris, Greek foreign minister, visited the United States in connection with Greece's complaint to United Nations on alleged aid to guerrilla forces inside Greece by Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria.

RED CROSS WILL HOLD INSTITUTE

Water Safety Instructor's Course Will Open At Carolina Beach

The Wilmington Chapter, American Red Cross has scheduled a water safety instructor's institute to be held at Carolina Beach the week of July 28. It was announced yesterday by C. H. McAllister, chairman of safety services.

In order to take part in the institute, prospective students must take a 15 hour preliminary course, McAllister said.

The course will begin July 21 and continue through July 26. Classes will be from 4:30 to 7 p. m. each of the days.

To date some 25 students have enrolled for the preliminary course which will be under the direction of Bill McDonald of Carolina Beach and supervised by Kenneth Wooten of Wilmington, who has been on the Red Cross staff at the Camp Carolina national aquatic school for several years.

The preliminary course is open to all holders of Red Cross senior life-saving cards. To enroll interested students should contact the Red Cross chapter here, Wooten at the mailing department of the post office or McDonald at Carolina Beach.

Since the Red Cross lifesaving program was inaugurated in 1914, drownings in the country have been cut in half, it was noted.

PRESIDENT PICKS UP FLOOD 'AID'

Republican Senators Voice Some Approval Of Mississippi Program

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—President Truman picked up some Republican support in the Senate today as he renewed his appeal for quick Congressional action to harness the mighty waters of the Mississippi river valley with a 10-year flood control program.

However, other capitol hill voices were highly critical of Mr. Truman's huge-scale plan and jumped on it as "scatterfire."

Prospects of action before Congress adjourns, probably July 26, still appeared slim.

The President drew late hour support from Senator Gurney (R-SD), chairman of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee now at work on flood-control funds, who told a reporter that Mr. Truman's recommendations are definitely "under consideration."

Senators said they are making an attempt to attach a large sum of Mr. Truman's requested \$250,000,000 to a \$17,000,000 outlay already voted by the House for flood control.

HOUSE CUTS TRUMAN POWER TO APPOINT DOLLAR-A-YEAR MEN

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—The House, in less than half an hour, voted today to repeal 57 wartime statutes—ranging from the law empowering the President to censor communications with foreign countries, to his authority to employ \$1-a-year men.

The repealer bill, approved by voice vote without opposition, also set termination dates for over 100 other wartime laws.

Rep. Springer (R-Ind) told the House the repealer legislation was worked out with the attorney general and affected wartime powers now "outmoded, obsolete and unnecessary."

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Amberjack Avoirdupois Irritates Avid Anglers

Officials of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach association are up in arms today.

Morehead City has claimed that the largest amberjack in the history of North Carolina has been caught off Cape Lookout shoals.

The SENCBA officials claim the largest amberjack was taken off Southport and the battle is on.

A press release from Morehead City states that last week Captain Bill Ballou landed a 51 1/2 pound amberjack to top the catches of this specimen in North Carolina. According to SENCBA officials,

Civic Leaders Approve Plan

Comprehensive Report On Efforts Of Commission

A comprehensive, up-to-date report on various efforts under way for greater development of the Port of Wilmington was presented to representatives of the city's civic organizations by port leaders at a meeting of the Wilmington Port commission last night at the Cape Fear club.

The gathering, as Frederick Willetts, Sr., chairman of the commission, explained, was designed to effect closer coordination between the commission and the community's civic clubs.

He pointed out that it is the desire of his board to keep all informed of its activities and, in turn, receive suggestions from the service groups. In doing so, he continued, a stronger front will be created and maintained in furthering all port development projects.

Practically every phase of port development was discussed by several speakers during the dinner meeting.

Hiers Speaks

In reviewing the work of the commission, J. T. Hiers, executive general agent, said the tonnage outlook for the port, when coastwise and overseas shipping services are established, is better today than it has been in recent years.

There is in North Carolina approximately a half million tons of commerce available annually, including textile products, tobacco and numerous other commodities. He outlined past efforts to obtain regular steamship sailings and revealed that considerable progress is being made in effecting South America service. The need for better facilities, especially tobacco warehouses, was also cited by Hiers.

Mayor E. L. White was among those complimenting the commission on its new policy of providing a means of direct contact with the community's civic organizations.

County Praise

Addison Hewlett, chairman, and Harry Gardner, a member of the board of county commissioners, also spoke highly for the work of the commission and its efforts to better acquaint the community with what it is doing to advance the growth of the port.

The importance of a port in development of industry based on the processing of imports was stressed by J. T. Farrell, Wilmington industrial agent. He told of what others are doing, such as Galveston, to use their ports as a major attraction for new manufacturers.

Col. B. C. Snow, Wilmington district engineer of the Corps of Engineers, War department, reviewed briefly the work of the Army engineers in relation to deepening of the Cape Fear channel. He pointed out that the 34-foot depth was recently approved by the division engineer on the basis that it was justified from the standpoint of present and potential tonnage.

ROBESON MANAGER TAKEN BY DEATH

Ed K. Butler, Well Known St. Pauls Man Had Been Ill Several Months

LUMBERTON, July 17.—Ed K. Butler, 45, Robeson county manager for the past 15 years and Democratic leader of this section, died at his home here this afternoon after a long illness. He became sick last February and was hospitalized for some time. In recent weeks he had gone to his office occasionally. He went into a coma today and did not regain consciousness.

The funeral will be conducted from the home, 1802 Walnut street, Friday at 5 p. m., by the Rev. Dr. C. H. Durbin, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist church of which Butler was a member, assisted by the Rev. R. L. Alexander of the First Presbyterian church. Interment will be in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Wife Survives

Surviving are his wife, the former Emily McClelland of Maxton to whom he was married in 1931; one daughter, Patsy McClelland Butler; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Butler, Sr., of St. Pauls; three brothers, W. J. and J. M. Butler, Jr., of St. Pauls and Julian Butler of Laurinburg; three sisters, Mrs. J. T. King and Mrs. F. R. Keith of St. Pauls and Mrs. E. D. Johnson of Tarboro.

Butler had held many public and civic offices. He became county manager of Robeson in 1932.

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700 Lose Lives When Giant Waves Sink Ship in Monsoon-Swept Sea; Britain Withholds Parley Answer

Nation Urges Wide Agenda

Labor Government Spokesmen Seek German Food Finance Discussions

LONDON, July 17 (AP)—Britain has withheld acceptance of a United States invitation to an Anglo-American conference on increasing Ruhr coal production and demanded that the scope of the talks be broadened to include German food, finance and new levels for industry, the foreign office disclosed tonight.

The United States asked Britain July 11 to send a mission to Washington for a conference next week, but the communique mentioned only the "urgent problems" of increasing German coal production as a subject of discussion.

A foreign office official said Britain's position should not be interpreted as meaning she has said she would refuse to go to a Washington conference if its scope is not broadened.

"The agenda is under discussion and decision has not been reached," he said.

This explanation was given after a spokesman told a news conference that Britain had not yet accepted the invitation and was not prepared to accept on the basis of the limited agenda.

This surprise development came after British authorities already had agreed to accept on the basis of the limited agenda.

ED CARR GUILTY IN CHECK MIXUP

Judge Rules No Reflection On Defendant While Assessing Costs

Edward W. Carr, manager of Shoemaker's stationary store, and director of the present Chamber of Commerce membership drive, yesterday was found guilty in Reorders court of passing a worthless check.

He was ordered to pay court costs and restitution totaling \$377, the amount of the check. The case immediately was appealed to the superior court and bonds set at \$400.

The charge against Carr was brought by William Hancammon, owner of the Carolina Camera shop and was the aftermath of the flood of worthless checks recently passed by a man named Malcom E. Thomas, now the object of a nation-wide search.

Judgment Passed

Testimony in yesterday's case occupied much of the morning before Judge Winfield Smith. But it was not terminated until early in the afternoon when closing arguments were heard and judgment passed.

The court ruling declared that the judgment is not a reflection upon Carr but at the same time, the complaining witness was an innocent victim and the loser of funds. The court added that the law left no other course to be followed.

Testimony showed that Thomas had purchased \$377 in furniture from the Shoemaker company and gave a personal check. Later Thomas substituted a check which the company contended was one from a letter he recently had formed.

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SOAP BOX DERBY fans will be interested in a look at the above car to be driven by Albert King of 12 Court Y, Lake Forest, who is shown seated in his new racer which is being sponsored by the Anchor Hardware company, Young King, a heat winner last year, is perhaps the only boy entered in this year's Derby who has turned out a car with tiller-type steering. The car will get road tests this weekend.

Mayor White Proclaims July 30 As City's Soap Box Derby Day

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the All-American Soap Box Derby, sponsored by the Wilmington Star-News and Roney Chevrolet company, will be conducted on July 30, in Wilmington, and WHEREAS, the youth of our city will compete in the spirit of true sportsmanship in a supervised race of vehicles planned and constructed by them in accordance with national rules, and WHEREAS, this event is outstanding through its stimulation of American ingenuity and enterprise among the youth of this city and nation, and

WHEREAS, this event creates a great interest among our people in youth programs which will serve to inspire more programs designed to assist in teaching boys to exercise their natural talents and skills, and WHEREAS, this classic boys' event offers opportunity to develop a splendid spirit of friendship, goodwill and cooperation in the city of Wilmington, as we unite to pay our tribute to youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, E. L. White, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, do hereby proclaim July 30 as All-American Soap Box Derby Day in Wilmington and invite all our citizens to view the event and urge all our male youth to participate in programs such as this one.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Wilmington to be affixed this 17th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

By The Mayor—E. L. White

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"I'll put the dog on the phone," Thomas volunteered. "Hello," said Iner tentatively.

"Woof," said the dog positively. "That's my dog," said Iner. "I'll be out to get him."

But he found out the animal wasn't his fox terrier at all, but a Scottie, which all goes to show you can't believe anything a dog tells you on the telephone.

CANTALOUPE CROP UP 19 PER CENT

RALEIGH, July 17 (AP)—Indicated production of North Carolina cantaloupes on July 1 was 332,000 standard crates—this is an increase of 19 per cent over the 1946 harvest, it was reported today by the Federal-State Crop Reporting service in the Department of agriculture.

This year's production of watermelons was estimated at 2,475,000 melons, only a notch above the 1946 crop.

Along The Cape Fear

CUSTOMS — Collecting customs is an old custom. In the United States alone this method of raising revenue is 158 years old.

On July 31, 1789, George Washington, president of the United States, signed an act providing for the organization, personnel and procedure for the collection of the customs duties.

Branch Of Service — Also part of the customs service is the Customs Patrol. The men in this service are engaged in detection and prevention of smuggling. This service was formerly known as the mounted inspectors and they patrol large areas of waste and uninhabited land, remain long away from their posts and are frequently in danger of their lives. The service has a large honor roll of Custom's patrol men who lost their lives in the line of duty.

These men can build a fire without matches, read natural signs, and be self-supporting and self-sufficient with a minimum of equipment. They wear a distinctive uniform, with sidearms, and are equipped with horses, automobiles, airplanes, speedboats and are on duty day and night.

While the personnel at the local See CAPE FEAR on Page Four

Vessel Goes Down Quickly

Survivors Say Tremendous Seas Tossed Excursion Boat Like Cork

BOMBAY, India, July 17. (AP)—Nearly 700 passengers were reported to have perished today when a small coastal passenger ship, captained by "two tremendous waves," sank in the monsoon-swept Arabian Sea 11 miles south of Bombay.

C. A. Buch, general manager of the Bombay Steam Navigation company who assisted in the rescue work, said "not more than 15 to 20 persons have been saved." The survivors included 11 of the 39 crew members, including the captain.

The 11-year-old steamer Ramdas left Bombay this morning on its regular daily run to the fishing village of Rewas, 13 miles South of Bombay. Survivors said visibility was poor as the vessel neared Rewas creek because of the lashing monsoon rain and that heavy swells were causing it to roll heavily.

Waves Strike

The swells increased and the vessel was "tossed like a piece of match wood," one survivor said, when suddenly, as the captain was attempting to enter Rewas creek, about one mile from Rewas village, the two waves struck. The Ramdas listed slowly to one side and sank within five minutes.

Buch said that when the Ramdas left Bombay harbor sea conditions were normal for the monsoon season. He added the Ramdas ordinarily would have been able to weather monsoon conditions without difficulty.

Naval and port authorities from Bombay directed a sea search for the bodies of the victims.

PALESTINE RULE RILES SENATORS

Eight Leaders Join In Urging Approval Of Protest To Britain

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Eight Senators joined today in urging approval of a resolution of protest against the British military rule in Palestine.

Senator Magnuson (D-Wash) introduced the resolution on behalf of himself and Senators Myers (D-Pa), Langer (R-ND), Morse (R-Or), Murray (D-Mont), Taylor (D-Idaho), Chavez (D-NM) and Young (R-ND).

It lodged a specific protest against the action of a British military court in handing down death sentences June 17 against three members of the Jewish underground charged with an attack on Acre prison in which no British lives were lost.

The resolution calls on the Secretary of state to inform the British government that the behavior of the British army in Palestine is that of an army of occupation, "in flagrant disregard" of a 1924 American-British convention.

Urges Civil Law

It also asks the British to abolish immediately the emergency regulations now in effect in Palestine and to reestablish a civilian administration affording civil liberties.

Langer told the Senate "the exposure of the truth in Palestine interferes with the British campaign which seeks to prove that any Jew who stands up on his hind legs and insists on living, is a 'terrorist'." Langer added, "Morse declared that the Jews in Palestine are sustaining some of the major grievances which impelled colonial Americans to take up arms.

In another speech, Murray declared "it is time to quit dilly-dallying about Palestine and proceed."

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And So To Bed

Wednesday afternoon a lady on Wrightsville phoned the classified department to insert an ad in regards to the dog she had found.

"Beardless" Truman May Face "No Foliage" Fine

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—President Truman has no intention of growing a beard.

The President, looking like he had just stepped out of a barber's chair, made that clear at his news conference today.

The question came up when he was asked about reports that, as an honorary member of the Santaloupe Whisker club of his home

town of Independence, Mo., he is liable to a \$3.25 fine for not raising some facial spinnach.

POTATO 'WIZARD' TO SPEAK TODAY

FLORENCE, S. C., July 17 (AP)—Dr. Julian Miller, a native of South Carolina, the sweet potato wizard who was the first potato in the United States successfully to induce the plant to bloom and set seed, tomorrow will address the first annual meeting here of the Carolinas Sweet Potato Council.

Dr. Miller, now head of the horticulture department of Louisiana State university, is recognized as one of the world's greatest authorities on the sweet potato, which during recent years has come into prominence as a source of livestock feed as well as a rival of cod liver oil for the vitamin A babies need.

Dr. Miller is a graduate of Clemson college. He was formerly Orangeburg county agent and later connected with the North Carolina Experiment station. He heads a list of speakers well known in North and South Carolina agriculture.

The council was organized last August at Myrtle Beach. Approximately 500 growers, buyers and processors will attend the meeting in the YMCA.

Six-Man Group Appointed To Study Hospital, Charities Figures

A six-man joint city-county commission to study hospital and charity figures was appointed today by Mayor E. L. White.

Ralph Volk, chairman of the committee on race officials notified Derby headquarters yesterday that he and his group have about completed their task and will be ready in a day or two to announce the names of the Wilmington businessmen who will guide the actual running of the

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Chief Magistrate Urges All Citizens To Attend Racing Event

Mayor E. L. White yesterday issued his first proclamation since he became chief magistrate of the city, a manifesto setting aside Wednesday, July 30, as Soap Box Derby Day in Wilmington.

He called upon all citizens to attend this great outdoor racing event and thus pay tribute to the sportmanship and ingenuity of Wilmington's youth.

Issuance of the mayor's proclamation came as closing highlight to a busy day around Derby headquarters.

While a couple dozen boys were putting last minute touches to the racers they will drive at Derby Downs a week from next Wednesday, a half-dozen others were reported as being off to a good start on construction tasks.

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