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Industry Bans Film Exports

American Motion Pictures Will Be Denied To British Audiences

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(AP)—America's motion picture industry, hitting back at a severe tax imposed by Great Britain on U. S. films, today placed a flat ban on shipment of all feature pictures and short subjects to Britain.

Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), announced the decision after a closed three-hour session attended by 50 film executives. The vote on the ban was not announced.

The tax, announced yesterday by Great Britain as a measure to combat that country's dollar shortage, was attacked by Johnston who declared in a statement that it "in effect strangles American film shipments to England."

The British described the levy officially as a 30 per cent ad valorem payment but Johnston said it "confiscates 75 per cent of the earnings on future imports of the American film industry to Britain."

"If the British do not want American films, that's one thing," the M. P. A. head commented. "If they do, they shouldn't expect to get a dollar's worth of films for a quarter."

The ban, if continued for a long period, is expected to have important effects in both the United States and Britain.

In recent years, U. S. films have earned about \$400,000,000 annually in the British market and have constituted about 80 per cent of the films shown in Britain, it was said here.

Of the \$400,000,000, about \$332,000,000 has remained in Britain as taxes, promotional expense and other operation costs. The remaining net earnings of \$68,000,000 have been converted into dollars and transferred to the United States. The M. P. A. estimates that under the new tax only about 25 per cent of these net earnings would be realized.

Johnston said the new tax "was imposed at a time when the American industry is suffering from a dollar crisis, had voluntarily suggested measures of a practical nature to help at once the drain of British exchange."

Proposal Submitted

"Our members desired to meet the British halfway by offering to block, during the crisis, a substantial share of the earnings of the American film companies in Britain."

"This proposal was submitted to responsible British cabinet ministers, prior to the announcement of

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Complimentary State Library
Carte L. Broughton

FOUR SOCIALLY PROMINENT MASSACHUSETTS residents died when their chartered plane crashed into this 40-foot high brick furnace at Everett, Mass. Here a crane lifts the burned remains of the fuselage from inside the cauldron. Dead were identified as Thomas Mandell, 55, Boston broker, his daughters, Ann, 22, and Harriet, 19, and John Nelson Borland Pell, 32, pilot.

Wife Of Prosecutor Kills Father-In-Law

MISSTEP FATAL

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A misstep at the top of a long flight of steps in this hilly steel city sent a 35-year-old truck driver hurtling to his death in a street 40 feet below.

When police reached the body of Frank Paul last night they found nearby a smashed box of chocolate candies. Inside was a card: "To my wife on our eleventh anniversary."

The exact events leading to the death of Hal McMath, 57-year-old former barber and farmer, still had not been mapped but the younger McMath said the shooting apparently was the outgrowth of abuse by his father at a show-horse at the attorney's ranch home.

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CORN COSTS SOAR AS CROPS WITHER

New Heat Wave Bears Down On Parched Farmlands Of Middle States

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The second heat wave in a week bore down on already parched Midwestern farmlands today, sending corn prices to new all-time highs.

Farm experts said it was the worst Midwestern hot spell in six years. In many areas there had been no measurable rainfall for three weeks, and none was in sight.

The heat wave was centered in the corn belt, but its effects were expected to be felt throughout the nation.

Observers said the corn inflationary spiral, which started nearly two months ago, probably would affect feed costs and force consumers to dig still deeper for the price of a juicy steak or a slice of roast pork.

Iowa and Nebraska farmers looked searchingly at the sky for signs of rain, as ripening corn began to droop under the pressure of strong, hot winds. Much corn, planted late because of spring floods, already was lost as the toposid dried up. Soaking rains now would assure only a "fair" crop, observers said.

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Two trucks, one carrying a portable organ, will lead the parade which will be escorted by Wilmington's motorcycle policemen.

Songs and hymns will be sung by members in the parade as they march to the church.

The parade is given under the auspices of the Calvary Baptist Youth Organization to stimulate more interest in the revival week.

Preaching services will be conducted at 8 o'clock by the Rev. George White, a member of the association of missionaries in Brunswick county.

COTTON FORECAST UP 38 PER CENT

Agriculture Department Sets Expected Yield At 11,840,000 Bales

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The Agriculture department today forecast this year's crop at 11,844,000 bales, 38 per cent above last year's crop, and prices on New York and New Orleans futures markets promptly dropped.

The break in the New York market at the news, when traders started liquidating, exceeded \$5 a bale. In New Orleans, the market reacted to the unexpectedly large estimate with declines of more than \$6 a bale before trade buying halted the drop.

A crop of 11,844,000 bales would

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ASHEVILLE GETS FOOD CONVENTION

North Carolina Dealers Association To Meet There September 7

The annual convention of the North Carolina Food Dealers association, of which two Wilmington men are officers, will open in Asheville Sunday, Sept. 7, for a three day meeting, it was announced last night.

A dinner meeting at the George Vanderbilt hotel for the directors and the state association will get the convention underway. A reception will follow in honor of John B. May, president of the state association.

Sunday evening a meeting of the directors will be held.

The program follows:

Monday the meeting will be called to order by John L. Lawrence, president of the A-G stores of Asheville. Invocation will be given by Rev. Julian Bandy, Gospel Temple, Asheville, N. C. Community singing will be led by Seth Perkins, field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Asheville.

Addresses of welcome will be given by W. C. E. Morgan and Arthur Jones, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Response to the addresses of welcome will be given by Hon. O. A. Swearingen of Concord.

The president of the North Carolina Food Dealers association will be introduced by John L. Lawrence, president of the Asheville association.

The first talk of the convention will be given by Watson Rogers, president of the National Food Brokers association of Washington

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The Weather

FORECAST:
North and South Carolina — Partly cloudy and continued warm Saturday and Sunday with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Metropolitan data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:

Temp. 7:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 77; 1:30 p. m. 80; 7:30 p. m. 78; Maximum 83; Minimum 74; Mean 78.

HUMIDITY

7:30 a. m. 87; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 82.

PRECIPITATION

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .04 inches.

Total since the first of the month .04 inches.

HIGHS FOR TODAY

(From the Tide tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington — 2:25 a. m. 9:31 a. m. 1:30 p. m. 7:30 p. m. 10:37 p. m.

Masonboro Inlet — 11:52 a. m. 6:25 a. m. 12:30 p. m. 7:05 p. m.

Sunrise 5:29; Sunset 7:06; Moonrise 12:20; Moonset 12:35.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 11 a. m. Friday 52 feet.

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Truman Signs 'Credit' Bill

President Raps Congress For Failure To Extend Installment Laws

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—President Truman, clearing his desk of the stack of bills left there by Congress, today signed legislation keeping the lid on installment buying for only three months more.

He said in signing it, however, that it was "unfortunate" that the legislators refused to continue the controls for a longer period and "diminish inflationary pressures."

Mr. Truman reached the bottom of the pile of 194 measures enacted by Congress in the adjournment rush two weeks ago and left almost immediately for a weekend of relaxation at his Shangri-La hideaway at Thurmont, Md. In disposing of the bills, Mr. Truman also:

1. Signed a bill under which the prewar system of granting quotas and subsidies to sugar producers will be revived beginning Jan. 1, 1948.
2. Vetted a measure which would have continued for two years wartime subsidies to encourage production of copper, lead and certain other mineral ores.
3. Signed legislation under which the Agriculture department will sell some 80,000,000 board feet of timber in the Tongass National forest of Alaska, for the manufacture of pulp and newsprint.

Under the Credit Control Extension law all federal curbs on installment buying will end Nov. 1. They require a down-payment of at least one-third on all installment purchases—except furniture and rugs which require 20 per cent—and prohibit payments from running more than 15 months.

Mr. Truman rapped Congress for its failure to follow the recommendations of his council of economic advisers and the Federal Reserve board to continue the controls until all inflationary dangers are past.

But he signed the bill without hesitation, saying that "continuation for the next three months of present controls . . . is preferable to immediate abandonment of these restraints."

He said the bill would prevent undue relaxation of retail credit terms. He said that price cuts, rather than easier credit buying, would be a better way to obtain new customers.

MEMPHIS PASTOR HEADS COMMITTEE

Presbyterians Name Dr. Thomas K. Young As Protestant Co-Op.

MONTREAL, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Dr. Thomas K. Young, minister of the Idlewild Presbyterian church, Memphis, Tenn., was chosen here today as chairman of a church-wide committee on Protestant cooperation.

Dr. Young is moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church fully affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Young was named as head of a committee of laymen and ministers who are committed to Protestant cooperation who will provide for factual information on the service of the federal council throughout the church.

This step, it was emphasized, was made necessary by the submission of the questions as to whether or not the southern Presbyterian church should remain in the council to the 87 Presbyteries by the last general assembly.

These Presbyteries will express their judgement on the question during the coming year, and the 1948 assembly will decide the matter, according to the Rev. Aubrey N. Brown, Richmond, Va., editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, a weekly religious magazine.

Associated with Young on the executive committee of the group were: Dr. P. D. Miller, San Antonio, Texas; Dr. James A. Jones, Charlotte, E. L. Repass, Salem, Pa.; R. A. Farnsworth, Houston, Texas; and Gordon Palmer, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Ministers and laymen who gathered here for the meeting heard Young read a partial list of those who will compose the larger committee, including Dr. C. Grier

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Hot Springs Socialite Fires Fatal Shots During Argument

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 8.—(AP)—The pretty blonde wife of Arkansas' rising young racket-buster, Sidney S. McMath, shot and killed her father-in-law last night after a violent argument and her husband asserted today it could only have been an accident.

McMath, Marine hero whose service revolver was used in the shooting, immediately aligned himself on his wife's side in "the greatest tragedy of our lives."

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Along The Cape Fear

NEGRO HEAD POINT — Negro Head Point is a historic Wilmington landmark. It divides the waters of the Cape Fear river into the northwest and the northeast branches. It derives its name from a melancholy and sad incident in the days of slavery. That story has been told and retold in many versions but probably the following is the one most authentic, according to early day historians.

In the latter part of the year 1831, through efforts of persons from the Northern states, an insurrection of Negro slaves occurred. Starting in Southampton, Virginia, the revolt spread rapidly into other states, particularly North Carolina.

One story has it that a number of white women and children became victims of the uprising. At any rate, white residents of the locality of Wilmington became infuriated. A race war seemed inevitable.

CONFLICT LOOKS — Approaches to the town of Wilmington were guarded by the militia. Two companies of United States troops,

Hughes Defends High Cost Of Big Aerial Cargo Boat; Calton Court Hearing Set

Rhodes Death Under Probe

Airport Night Watchman Faces Murder Charge At Hendersonville

Special to the Star

HENDERSONVILLE, Aug. 8.—Night Watchman J. R. Calton of The Asheville-Hendersonville airport will be given a preliminary hearing in Henderson county Recorder's court on August 25 on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Noah Cecil Rhodes, Jr., Wilmington student at Mars Hill college, Sheriff F. D. Dalton said late tonight.

Calton was arrested early this morning by Sheriff Dalton and later released on a \$2,500 bond for his appearance.

Sheriff Dalton said the warrant was signed after a conference with 18th District Solicitor C. O. Riddings, who indicated he would be present when the case is given a hearing before Judge J. E. Shipman. The Recorder's court is without final jurisdiction and Judge Shipman will sit as a committing magistrate.

Calton is alleged to have admitted that he shot the young college student at 2:15 Thursday morning. The watchman related that he shot the boy after Rhodes advanced upon him with a check book removed from beneath the wheels of an airplane.

The watchman told Sheriff Dalton that the Wilmington youth said he was going to "take a plane," but the sheriff said that Calton could not remember having heard the youth say he was going to "steal" a plane.

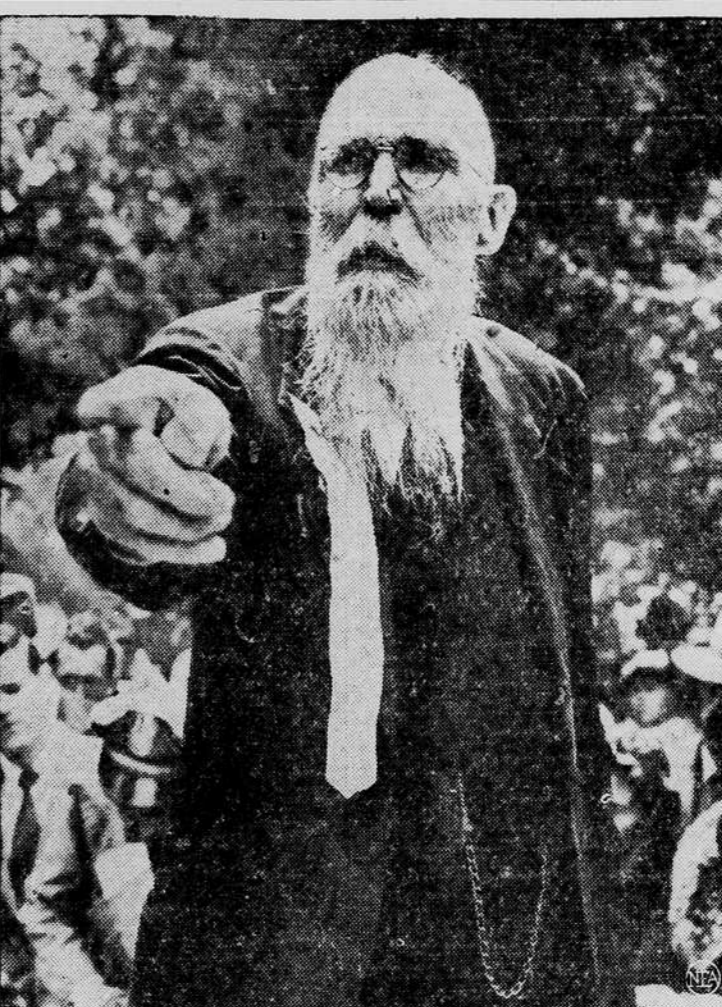
The Henderson county sheriff said late tonight that it was possible that Rhodes was going to purchase a ticket and being a stranger did not know that the ticket office was closed.

Sheriff Dalton said that he went to the airport early Thursday night to talk with Calton and found him asleep in his car. He said tonight that he was going to "thoroughly investigate" the night-watcher's story.

The sheriff said he was not notified of the shooting until "about 10:30 Thursday morning, when the Asheville police asked me to bring the Henderson county coroner over there to investigate the death of the Rhodes boy." The sheriff explained that since the entire airport is located in Henderson county it was under the jurisdiction of Henderson county authorities.

He said he ordered the Asheville police to return the body of Rhodes to Hendersonville. "I gave them one hour to return the body," he said and added that the Asheville

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BEARDED LIKE A BIBLICAL PROPHET, 66-year-old Shelby Ever Gragg, North Carolina preacher, points an accusing finger at a known bootlegger and sounds off about the evils of drink. Elder Gragg was one of a number of religious speakers at the annual "Singing on the Mountain" festival at the base of Grandfather Mountain, Linville, N. C. Every year since 1924 mountain folk of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and Georgia have gathered there by the thousands to sing and listen to music and oratory.

Three Airmen Die When Ship Hits Bay

"DEER" BLACKOUT

ASH FORK, Ariz., Aug. 8.—(AP)—An antelope ran full-tilt into a sagging 44,000-volt power line early today and darkened the towns of Ash Fork, Seligman and Williams for seven hours.

The wire had been left swaying a few feet above ground when a bolt of lightning smashed an insulator.

Linemen, investigating the power break, came upon the charred body of the antelope.

PRICES DECLINE ON BORDER BELT

Averages For Opening Day Set At \$48.88 Per Hundred Pounds

Prices for flue-cured tobacco on the Border Belt markets of South Carolina and North Carolina Friday showed declines which ranged from \$1 to \$6 per hundred over opening-day prices, the Federal State Marketing service reported.

The largest declines were shown in the lower grades of offerings with drops of \$1 to \$4 in lugs and from \$3.50 to \$6 in primings, thin nondescript showed a drop of \$2.75.

There was a considerable amount of tobacco being sold below the commodity credit support prices, however, some growers took advantage of support prices—thereby availing themselves of grade price loan rates average 40 cents a pound or 90 per cent of June 15 parity price.

Official figures for Thursday's opening - day gross sales totaled 4,654,641 for an average of \$48.88

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TWO KILLED, FIVE INJURED IN CRASH

Fayetteville, Vander Wom-en, Dead, Children Hospitalized For Hurts

FAYETTEVILLE, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Two women were killed and five children were hospitalized here today with injuries suffered in the collision of two automobiles on the Fayetteville-White Lake highway.

The dead were identified as Mrs. T. L. Lucas of Fayetteville and Mrs. Charles Allen of nearby Vanhook. They were reported to have been drivers of the two cars, which collided on a straight section of the road. While details of the accident were not immediately available, the highway was said to have been made slippery by rain.

The injured children were being treated at Fayetteville hospitals. They were identified as Billy Allen, Joyce Allen, Sally Allen, Elizabeth Lucas and Betty McBride. The extent of their injuries was not disclosed.

POST ACCEPTS FOARD RESIGNATION AS HEAD OF AMERICAN LEGION

The resignation of Charles H. Foard as commander of Wilmington American Legion Post No. 10, was accepted at an emergency meeting of the executive committee of the post last night, it was announced by acting Commander James S. Craig, Jr.

Craig, first vice-president, was named by the committee to serve as acting commander.

Boy Facing Deportation Because Of Love For GI

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Because he couldn't forget the American soldier who befriended him in war-torn Germany, a 14-year-old Polish boy was headed for Ellis Island today, facing possible deportation.

Henry Mierowski had trekked across Western Europe and stowed away on a freighter to get to the United States to see Willard Van Viekell, the GI who sheltered him for more than a year.

When he arrived in New York from Le Havre, France, he was ill from undernourishment and was allowed to stay. Two months ago, he was placed in the care of foster parents.

But Van Viekell still was on Henry's mind. So the boy ran away from his foster home and started to hitch-hike to St. Cloud, Minn., where the soldier lived.

Where To Isolate

On Wednesday, however, police picked him up near Allentown. They held him for Joseph Uravich, a representative of the Catholic Bureau of Dependent Children, who took him to Ellis Island. Uravich will explain to immigration authorities why Henry ran away in violation of his probation.

Henry, who hasn't seen his pa-

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Company Will Take Losses

West Coast Builder Claims Government Getting Full Money's Worth

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Defiant Howard Hughes testified today that the government is getting its money's worth from his \$30,000,000 aerial cargo boat that never has flown.

And the millionaire manufacturer and flier of planes told a Senate War Investigating subcommittee he isn't making a dime out of that project or any other wartime business.

Hughes still was going on the subject when the committee quit for the night. He gives another installment of the story tomorrow.

The subcommittee is investigating wartime contracts with Hughes and industrialist Henry J. Kaiser for which the government got no wartime planes.

Relative calm descended on the afternoon hearing. Hughes glowered and tiffed with Chairman Ferguson (R-Mich.) and let off steam with a little cussing. Ferguson threatened to clear out the spectators when they applauded one of Hughes' cracks.

But for the most part, the investigation stuck to the charted course.

The morning meeting, however, was stormy, with tempers strained and hot words flying.

Hughes defiantly refused twice to hunt up free-spending Johnny Meyer, his missing publicity man. He and Ferguson barked and snapped. Ferguson angrily pounded his ash tray on the table top, demanded obedience to the committee and ground out subpoenas for Meyer and for Hughes' personal papers.

Lunchtime was something of a cooling off period.

Hughes came back to the stand to explain at least in part why it is taking so long and costing so much to turn out the world's largest airplane—a 200-ton flying boat for which the government contracted with Hughes and Kaiser late in 1942. Kaiser subsequently withdrew from the project.

The original contract was for \$18,000,000 for three planes. Hughes said this was changed to one plane of twice the planned size, and the doubling the size more than doubles the cost.

YOUTH PUTS WAR BEHIND IT AGAIN

Austrian Scouts, Long-Banned By Hitler, Join Jamboree Troops

JAMBOREE CITY, Mo. — Scouts from Austria, the Netherlands, Liechtenstein, the contingent brought to 11,137 the number of foreign scouts already mingling with a slightly greater number from France who will join in the two-weeks of good will festivities starting tomorrow night.

The Americans — all except a troop awaited from the occupation zone in Germany—finally finished pitching their tents in the 1,500-acre forest called Jamboree City, the brightly colored canvas decorated with maps of their home states.

Some 900 of them had marched in at 11 p. m. last night and slept in their sleeping bags under the stars. They were plenty tired, too, after a 12-hour ride from Antwerp

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Woman Bank Employee Used 'Phony' Withdrawals In \$100,000 Deal

BRISTOL, Conn., Aug. 8.—(AP)—An intricate system of "phony" withdrawals which took two days and nights to unravel was employed by Mrs. Helen R. Fournier, 60-a-week chief teller of the Bristol Bank and Trust company who today voluntarily showed bank examiners how she took between \$100,000 and \$150,000 of the bank's money.

State Bank Commissioner Richard Rapport said Mrs. Fournier used a system of "phony" withdrawals.

Deposit cards which should have been in the "active" file had been switched to the "inactive" file, it was learned.

It was also reported that Mrs. Fournier selected cards of customers who appeared at the bank infrequently and placed these

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And So To Bed

A young boy, about eight or nine years old, stopped by each and every fisherman on the pier. He would say a few words, pick up a couple of the smallest fish and walk away.

He was quite lucky and most of the fishermen were glad to give him the small fish they had caught. No one seemed interested enough to ask why he wanted the little fishes.

A little while later the youngster came out on the pier with a seven foot fishing pole and had all the little fish he had begged for in a stringer.

There must have been about 50 or more of them, with the longest about five inches long.

He waited a moment and then a woman, apparently the boy's mother, approached with a small box camera in her hand.

The boy posed for a picture with "his catch" and then remarked to one of the anglers, "The folks back home will believe the picture, I'll bet."