FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered showers and cooler late today; Sunday, partly cloudy and continued warm.

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Russia Loses First Test In United Nations Hall; Storm Blowing Self Out

Grain Bidding Stoking Fires

Manufacturer Blames Government For Inflationary Price Spiral

MANCHESTER, N.H., Sept. 19. —(U.P.)— The administration's policy of bidding up agricultural prices is responsible for "stoking the inflationary fires in all lines," President Royal Little of Textron, Inc., told a Congressional committee investigating high prices today.

Unless something is done quickly to stop the wage and price inflationary spiral, he said, "we may well have a 25-cent dollar one year from now."

Little said his company was attempting to cut costs but was "fighting a losing battle. . . I am sorry to announce that we now have no recourse left but to increase prices."

He told the committee, which is holding hearings in Eastern states, that last spring textile unions announced they would not seek wage increases in the fall contracts.

"Since then," he said, "the administration's policy of bidding up the prices of agricultural commodities for world relief has greatly increased food costs and has indirectly been responsible for stoking the inflationary fires in all lines.

Reverse Position

"As a result the textile unions had to reverse their position and have obtained wage increases which may ultimately cost the industry . . . $337,000,000 annually and the consuming public several times that amount."

Little said Textron's 1947 sales should total $120,000,000 but that if 1939 costs for materials, wages, salaries, supplies and taxes were substituted, it could produce the same quantity of textile products with $50,000,000 less expense.

He said Congress had three

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NLRB BACKS DOWN ON FILING DATE

Unions Given Over 6 More Weeks To Comply With Labor Law

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 —(U.P.)—The National Labor Relations Board and its powerful general counsel, Robert N. Denham, today called off an immediate showdown with CIO and AFL officials over their refusal to comply with the anti-Communist section of the Taft-Hartley labor act.

In a joint announcement, Denham and the board extended from next Monday until Oct. 31 the deadline for labor leaders to file affidavits with the board denying any Communist affiliations, as required by the law.

Denham had ruled previously that if the unions did not file within 20 days after the Monday deadline, he would dismiss the 5,000 AFL and CIO cases pending before the board and slam the door against the union using the board's facilities.

The effect of the extension, which was requested by the labor leaders, is to give the CIO and AFL more time to reconsider their stand.

National conventions of both organizations meet next month and Denham and the board hope that they will reverse their leaders or propose some acceptable compromise.

Scant Business

Dropping of the pending cases would leave the board with scant business and halt the complex management - labor peace machinery set up by the Taft-Hartley law.

In announcing the extension, Denham and the board said they wanted to give every labor organization "the fullest opportunity" to comply with the law and so be eligible to use the board's services.

Both the CIO and the AFL are making an all-out drive against Denham's interpretation of the act, and have asked the board either to over-rule it

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The Weather

FORECAST:

South Carolina — Partly cloudy and slight warm Saturday and Sunday.

North Carolina — Partly cloudy and continued warm Saturday and Sunday except scattered showers and cooler in portion late Saturday and Sunday.

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

TEMPERATURES

7:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 86; 7:30 p. m. 80; Maximum 86; Minimum 74; Mean 80; Normal 72.

HUMIDITY

7:30 a. m. 98; 7:30 a. m. 98, 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 87.

PRECIPITATION

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday 0.00 inches.

Total since the first of the month 2.76 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY

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

	HIGH	LOW
Wilmington	1:50 a.m.	8:40 a.m.
	2:07 p.m.	9:20 p.m.
Masonboro Inlet	11:52 a.m.	5:20 a.m.
	—— p.m.	6:03 p.m.

Sunrise 5:39; Sunset 6:12; Moonrise 9:34; Moonset 9:57p.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a.m. Friday missing feet.

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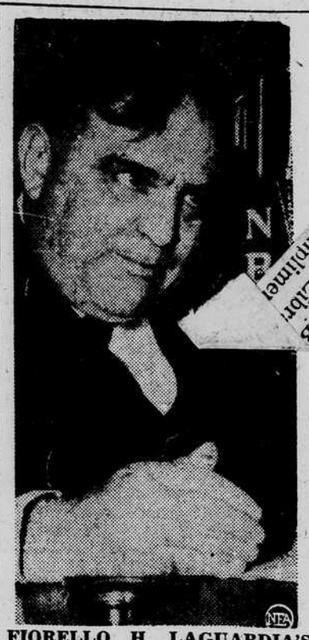

FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA'S physician said last night the 64-year-old former mayor was in "extremely critical" condition and that he was "sinking rapidly." LaGuardia has been in a coma almost continously since Tuesday night when he collapsed at his home. He underwent an operation last June which disclosed an inoperable pancreas condition.

PIEDMONT PLANS RADAR ON SHIPS

First Of Warning Sets For Wilmington-Cincinnati Planes Arrive

WINSTON-SALEM, Sept. 19— Piedmont Aviation, whose plans now are materializing for an east-west air service from Wilmington to Cincinnati, today announced the latest addition of safety devices for their planes with the arrival of radar warning sets.

The radar warning devices will be installed on their DC-3's, which will be used in the east-west flights, according to Les Watson, communication's superintendent.

Watson said that these units had been on order for sometime, and that it is expected that a sufficient quantity would be on hand to complete installation in every Piedmont ship by the time operations are begun.

He pointed out that this was just another step by Piedmont in offering the cities to be served by his company "the very best equipment" to be obtained for safety and service.

Specifically, Watson said, the

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CHURCH MEMBERS GET PRICE CUTS

New Jersey Pastor Buys Fruit, Vegetables On Wholesale Market

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Sept. 19. —(AP)— The first customers of the "Church Family Market" left the South Orange Methodist church today—their arms laden with fresh fruit and vegetables, and their pocketbooks still quite intact.

Dr. A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald, Jr., pastor, who last week volunteered to do the weekly shopping for his parishioners at wholesale markets in Newark, said "it's a real pleasure to be able to help my people in this constructive way."

The pastor took orders last week from 14 women for 225 pounds of potatoes, two bushels of apples, and 20 pounds of onions. Many others came today to see how the plan worked out.

Dr. Fitz-Gerald, who expects greater response this week when "the word gets around," had melons, which are selling for 20 to 30 cents a pound retail, for sale in his garage at 11 cents.

Sweet corn, grown by the pastor himself sold for 20 cents a dozen, compared with the 60-cent retail price. Apples, which he bought last night in Newark for $2 a bushel, were compared with the retail super-market price of $4.90.

One of the housewives remarked, "this is really one of the best things that has happened to me in a long time.

"Well," the pastor laughed, "we may force those prices down yet. I want to emphasize that I can buy anything on the market, and that includes almost every fruit and vegetable now in season."

Strikes Halt Rail Express Shipments

Agency Refuses Less Than Full Carloads For Delivery In New York, New Jersey Metropolitan Areas; Six Injured

By The Associated Press

Strikes Friday cut off shipments of air and Railway Express of less than carload size in and out of New York and brought a threat of use of troops to quiet labor strife in Detroit.

The Railway Express Agency announced the New York embargo on shipments of less than carload quantity after a strike of 6,700 AFL teamsters at midnight Thursday tied up the agency's trucks in the New York New Jersey metropolitan area. A spokesman for the teamsters said two locals had walked out in a dispute involving wage increases and reduction of the work week from 44 to 40 hours.

Governor Kim Sigler of Michigan went by plane to Detroit Friday to inspect the scene of a three-month-old strike by 600 CIO garage mechanics. He said he had become alarmed by reports of violence in the dispute.

Six persons were injured and several arrested in clashes between flying squadrons of Local 415, CIO-United Auto Workers, and police Wednesday and Thursday.

Sigler said he intended to use "the full power of the state" to settle the dispute which involved demands for wage increases and a city-wide master contract. Seventy-seven auto dealers were involved.

Italian Premier Scores Heavily In Strike Test

COUGHS UP

DENVER, Sept. 19. —(AP)— Shaken awake by a policeman, the man on the bus staton bench gave vent to a lipstretching yawn.

Out popped a $100 bill. Patrolman Eugene Covillo said the bill had been hidden in the man's upper plate. Moreover, said Covillo, it was part of $150 another man camplained had been stolen from him.

The yawner was taken to jail.

Communists Trounced Soundly As Farmers Vote Return To Fields

ROME, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Premier Alcide De Gasperi won a smashing victory against leftwing attempts to overthrow his government today when 1,000,000 striking agricultural workers agreed to return to work under a settlement negotiated by government labor officials.

The 11-day-old strike was settled less than 12 hours after the Communist-dominated federation of labor ordered farm workers in Tuscany province to join the strike. The settlement halted, at least temporarily, leftwing labor agitation against De Gasperi.

Faced by the settlement, the labor federation belatedly ordered all strikers to resume work immediately. It was believed the settlement came in time to ensure harvesting of Italy's rice and sugar beet crops, vitally neded food supplies imperilled by the strike.

One other comparatively brief strike threat loomed on the horizon. A one-hour general strike

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YOUNG DEMOCRATS HEAR BLACKWELL

Winston House Member Sounds Convention Keynote At Raleigh

RALEIGH, Sept 19—(AP)—Christian ideals should be brought into politics, Winfield Blackwell of Winston-Salem, member of the house of the 1947 legislature, said today in making the keynote address of the state convention of the Young Democrats.

"Men and women who are practicing Christians can help achieve the more abundant life for others by an active political life," he said.

"I believe our party has the right purpose to justify its continued existence and its continued success. But if it ever loses the purpose of putting the people ahead of personal ambitions, then it will falter and fail.

"If ever the first symptoms of that sickness should ever develop, we Young Democrats should be the first to call the alarm as quickly as we would if a member of our family began to break out in measles."

Blackwell told his audience that "peace must start at home if permanent world security is to endure.

"People will be more at peace when decent housing is available for all; when better health facilities are provided; when better educational provisions are made, and when there is a determination that men of all races shall be given equal protection, a share in economic prosperity.

"If we can give inspiring leadership in making the brotherhood of man a reality in North Carolina, it will speed the day when the men of the whole world live as brothers — which

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CHARLOTTE FLIER PLANS WORLD HOP

Jean P. Doar, AAF Veteran, Hopes To Break Mark Set By Odum

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 19 —(AP)— Jean P. Doar, 28-year-old Army Air forces veteran from Charlotte, announced today he would attempt to break the round-the-world flight record of 68 hours set by Bill Odom of New York this summer.

Doar said that he had purchased a twin-engined Dehaviland Mosquito bomber and hoped to have it ready for the flight by late October

The flight would begin and end at Charlotte.

"My ship is considerably faster (than Odom's)," Doar said in an interview, "and although I expect to fly several hundred miles farther I am confident I'll be able to put her down on the Charlotte airport with a new world's record several hours under Odom's."

Doar said that the plane, built by the British during the war, could cruise at about 400 miles per hour. Odom flew the globe in a converted A-26 bomber.

Under present plans the flight would be financed by a group of sponsors in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Doar said that he would fly about 20,400 miles with Newfoundland his first stop.

VOTERS DEFEAT PLAN TO EXTEND CONOVER LIMITS; TALLY TIES

CONOVER, Sept. 19—(AP)—The Town of Conover failed by one vote in its efforts to expand its city limits, the town board decided today.

Residents of the city voted 219 to 4 in favor of the expansion but in the area which was to have been incorporated, the vote was 170 to 169 against

One vote against was challenged and thrown out, leaving the result a tie. A majority in favor of the proposal was necessary.

Scribes Witness Coast Guard Mission Of Mercy

ABOARD COAST GUARD CUTTER MACOMA OFF FLORIDA COAST, Sept. 19. — (AP) — Correspondents aboard the Macoma racing with medical supplies and doctors to hurricane stricken Bahamas today witnessed another Coast Guard mercy mission several miles off Miami Beach.

As the Macoma bucked headwinds, another Coast Guard boat stood alongside the 10,000-ton American tanker Wallowa out of Portland, Ore., and transferred a doctor to the tanker to treat an ill man. Nature of the man's illness was not disclosed.

The Macoma is carrying Red Cross supplies, physicians and medicines in the 82-mile trip to the Bahamas. It was hoped that the doctors and supplies could be put ashore tonight but if rough seas prevent a landing, the Macoma will stand by off shore until tomorrow.

Hurricane Makes Shambles Of Gulf

Hundreds Reported Homeless At Gulfport; New Orleans Escapes

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 19 — (AP) — The ferocious hurricane, rumbling inland tonight toward Natchee, Miss., after drubbing and drowning the Gulf coast from New Orleans Eastward to Biloxi, left four dead behind and an undetermined number injured.

A terse radio message from the Mississippi State Highway Patrol in the Biloxi area reported tonight that the bodies of a woman and three children had been found in the debris of broken and splintered boats and buildings.

The Biloxi report came just a few hours after the body of Joe Markeese, 54, was washed ashore at nearby Gulfport.

Meanwhile, there was a belated report out of Fort Myers, Fla., visited by the hurricane some 36 hours earlier that eight Cuban fishermen were reported missing and feared drowned off the beach there.

As for the big wind itself, Alexandria, La., said it was veering to the East, instead of moving Northwest toward Arkansas as previously indicated, and apparently was going to miss that middle Louisiana city. Alexandria said winds there had died to 35 miles per hour and the barometer was rising.

Despite communications han-

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125 MEN ATTACK TRAILWAY BUSES

Trainee Driver Wounded Near Hattiesburg By Gunfire Blast

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Sept. 19 —(AP)—Gov. Fielding L. Wright today opened a personal investigation here of the ambush firing on three Trailways buses yesterday in which one trainee driver suffered a flesh wound in the arm.

Drivers and mechanics of the Southern Bus Lines, a Trailways affiliate, have been on strike four months in a dispute over wages. The company resumed operations Aug. 20 on an open shop basis, announcing it was preparing to take on old or new employes. Trainees have been used to replace strikers.

The governor conferred with State Highway patrolmen who had investigated the shooting, but his inquiry was temporarily sidetracked by the need for organizing relief for the residents of Mississippi's Gulf coast,

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POLICE CHIEFS GET TOUCHY OVER COMIC BOOK "BELITTLING"

DAVENPORT, Ia., Sept. 19. — (AP)— A resolution opposing comic books which "belittle police officers and glorify crime" along with radio programs detrimental to the minds of children was passed by the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police yesterday.

The resolution will be presented to the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Duluth, Minn., next month.

Along The Cape Fear

MECHANIZE COTTON GROWING—Cotton growing in the Cape Fear valley lacks the perfection of only one process to make possible the complete mechanization of the production. When the mechanical cotton picker—which is still unsatisfactory in most cotton fields of the valley—has the bugs taken out of it, the drudgery and woe can be taken out of cotton growing by anyone who has the proper equipment.

This fact came to light recently at a field day in Robeson county when government agricultural experts and experimental cotton growers got together to check up on new practices to see what was practical.

On an experimental project between Lumberton and Red Springs they found cotton that they estimated would produce two bales to the acre, standing thick in white, defoliated fields in which no hoe had ever touched the soil.

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DUST CROPS FROM THE AIR—The land had been fertilized, prepared for planting, seeded and cultivated, by tractor drawn equipment. Boll weevils had been battled by a mule-drawn duster and from airplanes. The cost of dusting the cotton fields from the air was approximately five dollars per acre.

The grower reported that when labor was diverted to tobacco curing, the airplane was a godsend, dusting many acres in a small fraction of the time they could be dusted by other means even had the labor been available.

The battle against the boll weevils was considered of prime importance in getting a good yield of cotton. The efforts of the etymologists in devolping treatments to control the pests were highly praised. While the boll weevil was not yet licked, the concensus of opinion was that the pest could be controlled.

As a final step in the production of the two-bale-per-acre cotton, the plants were defoliated in the final treatment before the

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THE CAPTAIN LOOKS TO THE SEA—Captain W. D. Hatch, veteran party boat operator has arrived here to command Billy Decover's Jim-Jam during the SENCBA fishing rodeo. Capt. Hatch stressed the point that a deeper inlet at Masonboro will be a boom to sports fishermen along the eastern coast. (Staff Photo by Roy Cook)

Veteran Fisherman Cites Area Handicap

Shallow Water At Masonboro Keeping Large Boats From Wrightsville

BY ROY COOK
Star Staff Writer

Captain William D. Hatch, veteran sports fisherman, who has been angling and operating sports fishing boats for the past 35 years, said yesterday afternoon that the main thing needed at the present time at Wrightsville Beach to encourage fishing along the Southeastern North Carolina coast is a deeper inlet at Masonboro.

"The operators of party boats as well as owners of private craft know the inlet is shallow here and that is the reason they keep away," the sun bronzed captain said.

"The inlet is only four feet deep on low tide and it should be at least 15 feet deep and 150 feet wide," he continued. "But there is not much use to deepen the inlet unless jetties are con-

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THREE ON ONE

CHICAGO, Sept. 19. — (AP) — Mrs. Betty Bajorin, 30, obtained a divorce today after explaining to the superior court that while she liked eggs for breakfast she didn't like them thrown at her in bed.

Through her attorney, Michael Bernick, the wife related that her husband, Stanley, 35 became angry with her Jan. 27 when she refused to get out of bed to to fix his breakfast. He picked up three eggs and hit her in the face with them, the lawyer said.

Judge Edwin A. Robinson granted the divorce on ground of cruelty.

SPECTACULAR AIR SHOW FOR BURGAW

Carl Dunn Announces Thrilling Program At Airport On Sunday

Thrills, chills, and even a spill are ticketed for Burgaw airport Sunday when Air Progress, Inc., presents an air show as the curtain raiser on their operations from that base, Carl Dunn, president of the company, announced today.

Highlights of the full program of entertainment outlined by Dunn include thrills from the professional aerobatic exhibition by Capt. Cecil Boone, leader of the Flying Aces aerobatic team, in his converted army North American.

Chills will be inserted into the program by Carl Dunn, himself, with his spectacular "How Not To Fly," act. In this sequence the pilot plays drop the handkerchief with his wing tips, having outgrown the childhood game.

Not On Level

The spill, paradoxically, is authentic but not on the level. After the manner of a klobbered high altitude fighter, the 'chutist will bail out at an altitude of 6,000 feet above the spectators and will fall free for a

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ARMY USING TNT ON TOKYO DYKES

First Cavalry Division Men Rescue 50,000 Japanese Families

TOKYO, Japan, Sept. 19 —(U.P.)—U.S. Army authorities fought with dynamite and shovel crews tonight to break the dyke of the raging Naka river and divert a new flood crest from Tokyo, a fourth of which already was under six feet of water. Seven persons had been drowned, six were missing and 600,000 were homeless.

The dyke was attacked at a point North of Tokyo, near Yatsugibashi, in hope that the rushing flood crest bearing down on Tokyo from the North could be diverted into the wider Ara river and funnelled harmlessly into the sea.

Below this point the Naka dykes were dangerously weakened in two places in the center

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"Movie Loving" Pooches Receive $20,000 Legacy

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19—(AP)—Contesting a will leaving $30,000 to two Irish setters, Attorney Harold A. Fendler today told superior court that the late Carleton R. Bainbridge took his dogs to the movies, discussed the pictures with them afterwards, and read them bedtime stories.

"One dog liked one type of bedtime story," he added, "and the other preferred an entirely different type," he said.

"It was wholly unnatural and illogical," asserted Fendler, representing Sherman Bainbridge, a brother of Carleton Bainbridge, onetime prominent attorney.

He declared Bainbridge slept in the same bed with the dogs and ate off the same plate with them. He argued the former attorney's mind was deluded as the result of a long illness.

The will names Charles Connelley executor of the estate for the dogs, Pat and Gunner, six-year-old pedigreed setters. On their deaths, Connelley would inherit.

Committee Passes Veto To Nations

Gromyko Fights Stubbornly Against Argentine Motion

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 —(AP)— Russia lost the first round of the veto battle in the United Nations Assembly tonight while the whole Soviet bloc drove ahead with its new campaign against the United States on "war-mongering" charges.

Russia protested in a heated meeting of the 14-nation Steering committee against Assembly consideration of an Argentine proposal for a special U.N. conference on the veto. Argentina and others seek to abolish the great power veto.

The Steering committee passed the proposal on to the Assembly by a vote of 9 to 2. Russia and Poland were the two against. India, China and France abstained.

This meant that the veto fight definitely would burst out in the Assembly itself and in the Political committee as soon as its turn comes.

Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet delegate who has cast 19 of the 20 Russian vetoes recorded in the Security council, fought stubbornly against sending the Argentine item to the Assembly.

Gromyko charged that the two-year campaign against the

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SAFE ROBBERIES NOW UNDER PROBE

Turkey Postoffice Safe Battered Open; Strong Box Carted Away

GOLDSBORO, Sept. 19 —(AP)— Four safe robberies in Duplin and Sampson counties within 48 hours are being investigated today by sheriffs officers and an SBI agent, Sheriff Ralph Jones of Duplin said this morning. One included the post office at Turkey.

The Turkey post office safe was battered open and less than $100 in cash and an undisclosed amount of unissued savings bonds, money order blanks, stamps and miscellaneous papers were removed, Sheriff Perry B. Lockerman of Sampson county said.

At Warsaw the safe at Milton West's garage was prized open with cold chisels and $800 in cash and a number of checks were taken. A valuable diamond ring was not taken.

The safe in the Kaiser-Frazier garage at Wallace, which was not locked last night, was opened and $40 in silver was removed.

Wednesday night a one-ton safe was taken from the office of Crumpler Brick company near Roseboro. Sheriff Lockerman said no trace of the safe had been found.

Pretty Blonde Will Wed In Conventional Way In Tokyo Soon

KANNAPOLIS, Sept. 19—(AP)— Pretty, Blonde Mrs. John Sekulich left Kannapolis for Tokyo today to marry her husband, Lt. John Sekulich of New York city.

Actually the couple was married several months ago by proxy, with the Kannapolis girl, the former June Knight, saying her vows before a judge in Washington, D. C.

The young model said that the first thing she plans to do in Tokyo is to get married all over again in the conventional way.

The couple met while Lt. Sekulich was stationed at Morris Field, Charlotte.

And So To Bed

Walter Hewett, 1704 N. Fourth street, told police Friday that as a result of his charitable intentions he was a poorer man by the amount of $45. He said he took a friend home with him last night. He had approximately $45 in cash when he and his friend retired.

When he awakened Friday morning, his $45 was missing, Hewett told the officers. By an odd coincidence his "friend" was missing, too.

Police suspect the early bird is getting quite a charge out of his escapade. If he is not, they may be able to help him by adding a little charge of larceny of $45.