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## France Faces Tragic Time

### Breadless Cities Pictured Unless Nation Gets Cash Quickly

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. — (AP) — A high French official said tonight that France is facing "a very tragic moment" and will exhaust all her dollar resources within a week unless outside aid is forthcoming.

Harvey Alphand, France's director of economic affairs, told newsmen that without help, France will have to discontinue all purchases of American wheat, coal and fats around Oct. 15.

If American wheat supplies are shut off, he said, the French people as a whole will go without bread more than two days a week. And the big cities will have no bread at all, he said.

Alphand also disclosed that France tried to obtain grain from Russia six weeks ago, but the plea has met only silence from Moscow.

He said the French government has notified the State Department of the crisis and hopes to get dollars from several sources to avoid a complete stoppage of U. S. supplies.

### Other Developments

Other key developments in the international situation:

1. Turkish Chief of Staff Salih Comrak told a news conference that the \$100,000,000 American aid program for Turkey might not be enough "if the strength of the opponents we may have against us is considered."

Without mentioning Russia by name, he said Turkey is still prepared "to ward off aggression."

2. Britain's request, top American and British officials began conferences designed to ease

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## STATE MERCHANTS WELCOME INQUIRY

### Retailers Realize Prices Are Too High, Secretary States

RALEIGH, Oct. 8. — (AP) — North Carolina merchants are in "hearty accord" with the objectives of an investigation of high prices by a Congressional committee and are glad that the committee is going to hold one of its hearings in this area, Willard L. Dowell, executive vice president of the State Merchants Association said tonight.

The Congressional group which is probing the price situation is scheduled to hold a hearing at Greensboro on October 10.

"Retailers not only realize that prices are entirely too high, but they deplore these high prices just as much as do their customers and they are doing all in their power to hold prices in line," Dowell said in a statement.

Dowell said that "the cause of the high prices does not lie with the retailer," and asserted that "the price structure is based upon many elements which enter into the picture before the goods reach retail stores."

## FBI HOLDING EX-GI'S IN THEFT OF ATOMIC ENERGY PHOTOGRAPHS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. — (AP) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation today announced the arrest of two former servicemen on charges of theft of highly confidential atomic energy photographs.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the two men are former Army photographers who had been employed at the Los Alamos atomic project.

Hoover gave their names as George Wellington Thompson, 34, taken into custody at Riverside, N. M., and Ernest Lawrence Paporello, 30, arrested at Albuquerque, N. M.

The arrests bring to five the number of persons who have been taken into custody in connection with the removal of documents relating to the atom bomb and atomic experiments.

## The Weather

### FORECAST:

North Carolina — Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and little change in temperature Thursday. Friday, clear to partly cloudy, slightly cooler northwest.

### High-Low

North Carolina — Considerable cloudiness and little change in temperature with scattered showers Thursday and Friday. Northeast Thursday night, Friday clearing and cooler.

### Met. Dept. data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday

TEMPERATURES
1:30 a. m. 71; 7:30 a. m. 70; 1:30 p. m. 72; 7:30 p. m. 72; Maximum 76; Minimum 67; Mean 72; Normal 66.

### PRECIPITATION

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.12 inches.

### TIDES FOR TODAY

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)  
Wilmington — 5:00 a. m. 12:04 a. m.  
Masonboro Inlet — 5:44 p. m. 12:16 p. m.  
Surfside — 3:31 p. m. 11:03 p. m.  
Sunset 6:12; Sunrise 5:46; Moonrise 12:50; Moonset 9:29.  
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## "Poultryless" Days May Be Food Fiasco

### State Department Of Agriculture Report Indicates Probability Of Poultry Shortage To Cause Food Market

Instead of saving food for the hungry of Europe, a poultryless Thursday would seem to cause a waste of this food, a state Department of Agriculture report indicated last night.

Johns Winfield, market Newsman of the department, said that central North Carolina poultry growers, from whom Wilmington merchants purchase the greater part of their stocks, now had an "extremely heavy" load on hand.

Winfield said that the movement of dressed and drawn fryers to retail outlets is slowing down, and that "consumers could render a real service to the fryer and broiler industry by increasing orders for chickens."

A poultry market operator here said that while the market remained about steady, the effect of the "Poultryless Thursday" hardly could be surmised at the present time.

Winfield's remarks indicated that instead of helping a bad situation, the banning of poultry from tables on Thursday would only aggravate it.

## Jury Rules In Batson's Favor In Taxicab Suit

### Disabled War Veteran Entitled To Possession, Panel Finds

A jury in New Hanover county Superior Court Wednesday found that K. E. Batson, disabled war veteran, is entitled to the possession of two taxicabs which he alleged his wife sold to Woodrow Pridden without his consent, and that the value of the automobiles at the time they were seized by the sheriff during the dispute was \$2,000.

The defendant, Woodrow Pridden, operator of the Taxi Exchange, who gave Mrs. Batson approximately \$1500 for the two cars, will be allowed to recover only a sum of approximately \$900 he paid to satisfy a mortgage on the vehicles when the case is settled.

Although damages for the use of the automobiles denied Batson since the cars were taken by Pridden while the disabled veteran was in the veterans hospital at Fayetteville, were not granted to Batson in the present trial because of a legal technicality. Attorney W. K. Rhodes, Jr., who represented Batson in the suit, expressed the opinion that his client will be able to recover damages for the use of the cars in another suit.

### Awarded Damages

Alberta Ford was awarded damages totaling \$2,635 from James Ratley, Wilmington taxi driver and operator of the Blue Bird taxi, as a result of injuries allegedly sustained through the driver's carelessness and negligence, the jury decided in its second damage suit.

The plaintiff alleged that she was thrown out of Ratley's taxi.

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## RAILROADS URGE INTRASTATE HIKE

### Utilities Commission Says Applications Are Now On File

RALEIGH, Oct. 8. — (AP) — Railroads, which yesterday received boosts in their interstate freight and passenger fares from the Interstate Commerce Commission, have applications for similar increases pending for intrastate rates, the Utilities Commission reported today.

The railroads, which had asked for freight rates increases of 28 per cent, received an emergency increase from the ICC of 10 per cent and a promise that further increases would be studied.

A request for an increase of 28 per cent has been on file with the Utilities Commission for several weeks pending action by the ICC on interstate rates. No date for hearing on the application has been set.

Southern railroads were permitted by the ICC to increase their coach fares from 2.2 to 2.5 cents per mile, and an application has been filed with the Utilities Commission for an increase in interstate coach fares from 1.65 to 2.2 cents per mile.

Utilities Commission officials said they expected the application to be amended to ask for the interstate figure of 2.5 cents per mile.

Hearing on the passenger rates probably will be set within a few days, commission officials said.

## First Woman Juror Wins Praise From Bench, Bar

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 8. — Judge John J. Burney, of Wilmington, thinks Mrs. Robert McCoy is a pretty good juror. And the judge didn't hesitate today to commend her officially.

Mrs. McCoy is the first woman in the history of Onslow county to serve on a Superior Court jury and her splendid service during the three day session here brought forth praises from lawyers and fellow jurors, as well as from the judge.

Mrs. McCoy especially was outstanding on the divorce cases. Fellow jurors declared she showed cooperative intelligence throughout.

Judge Burney spoke before the entire court in praising Mrs. McCoy as a fine example for all jurors, men and women alike. Lawyers followed the judge's lead and spoke their praise before the court.

# Truman Calls On AFL Unionists For Greater Production Effort; UN Approves Balkan Watch

## Soviet Bloc Gets Sound Spanking

### Vote On United States Demand Ends 34 To 6; Nine Abstain

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 8. — (AP) — The political committee of the United Nations Assembly overrode bitter Russian objections late today and approved a United States demand for a special U. N. Balkan Border Watch committee.

The vote on the special committee was 34 to 6. The Russian bloc voted solidly against it. Nine nations, including the Arab group and Sweden, Norway and Denmark, abstained.

The delegates put off temporarily a decision on the hottest part of the U. S. resolution — a section finding Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria responsible for helping Greek guerrillas.

Just before the political committee adjourned at 6:17 p. m., E. S. T., the United States proposed that the Balkan committee be made up of Brazil, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Australia, Pakistan and the five great powers. That will be discussed tomorrow when the political committee resumes debate on the resolution.

### Approval Seen

All committee action is subject to final approval by the full assembly. Assembly approval was considered a foregone conclusion, however, because the 57 member nations are all represented in both the plenary meetings and the committee sessions.

The committee also approved a U. S. proposal that the Assembly call on Greece, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania to cooperate with the special committee. The vote on this section was 39 to 6, with 8 abstentions.

The balloting climaxed committee debate on the Greek-Balkan issue.

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## EIGHT KIWANIS TO ATTEND MEET

### President George Conant To Head Delegation To Convention

Eight members of the local Kiwanis club will attend the 41st annual Carolinas district Kiwanis convention which opens at Charleston, S. C., today. The first large scale convention since the war, the meeting which continues through Saturday is expected to attract more than 600 city leaders.

Headed by President George Conant, the Wilmington delegation includes Atty. Jack LeGrand, Wilbur Doshier, Jack Thompson, Donald King, William Wendt, Harry Solomon, and I. W. Solomon.

LeGrand is a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor of the seventh division of the Carolinas district. Principal speakers at the convention will be Charles S. Donley, Pittsburgh, a past president of Kiwanis International, Thomas L. Hesselton, Atlantic City, N. J., trustee of Kiwanis International, and Charles P. Summerrall, president of the Citadel.

Among the guests will be Charles W. Armstrong, Salisbury, N. C., present International president. General chairman of the convention program is W. T. Smith, former district lieutenant governor.

## Along The Cape Fear

### UNION STRENGTHENED RESISTANCE

The thirteen colonies united in their struggle for independence and engaged British forces sent to subdue the revolt with a spirit of stubborn resistance.

But for the united effort, the colonies would have been defeated in the first year of the conflict. Even in spite of the united resistance, the colonies would have lost the war had it not been for the timely aid of Lafayette and the soldiers of France in the last years of the revolution.

Local historians have recorded that the spark of liberty was first fanned into a flame by John Ashe, Cornelius Harnette, and a host of American leaders who met in Wilmington and organized peaceful resistance at first and armed resistance finally to the acts of parliament which were distasteful to the unrepresented colonists.

Leadership, which gave birth to the movement for American independence, did not desert the American cause during the war. After the inevitable clash which



WITH A WAR BONNET ON HIS HEAD, Governor R. Gregg Cherry sits in the midst of dancing Cherokee Indians at ceremonies in which he became a member of the tribe during his visit to the annual Indian Fair on the reservation at Cherokee, N. C. The Indians dubbed him "Chief Climbing Bear." Bottom: The governor, who left Raleigh to get a rest from politics, discovers he can't get away from it even in the Cherokee Nation. He discusses with tribal leaders the recent election on the reservation. Beside him at right is the retiring chief, Jarrett Blythe. Next to him at left is Chief-elect Henry Bradley. Standing behind him is Mrs. Mollie Arneach, first "squaw" ever elected as a member of the tribal council. Others in the picture are new council members.

## 11-MILLION BALE CROP ESTIMATED

### Dry Hot September Weather Cuts Down Nation's Cotton Production

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. — (AP) — The Agriculture Department reported today that dry hot weather in September trimmed 341,000 bales off this year's cotton crop which it now forecasts at 11,508,000 bales.

Nevertheless, the indicated crop is nearly a third larger than last year's unusually small one of 8,640,000 bales. Production averaged 12,390,000 bales for the 10-year (1936-45) period.

It is possible that the crop may not be sufficiently large to cover domestic and export requirements until next year's crop becomes available. This year's production will be supplemented, however, by a carryover.

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## YOU MUST WASH YOUR FEET TO PLAY "TOE TOUCHIN" AT SCHOOL

SIKESTON, Mo., Oct. 8. — (AP) — "Toe Touchin" is the name of a new game which seems to be nosing out old time box suppers in some sections — and you have to know your toes to get your best girl, too.

At the Lincoln school here the girls prepared a meal, the boys put up the cash which went for benefit of the library. Then the girls took off their shoes, covered up with a sheet and let only their bare feet stick out. The boys went by and touched the foot they wanted next to their own at the dining table.

Rule No. 1 is that the feet must be well washed.

## POLIO RAMPANT

BERLIN, Oct. 8. — (AP) — The Berlin Public Health office announced today that 14 deaths from infantile paralysis were reported in the city in the last 48 hours, bringing the toll of fatalities in the current epidemic to 145. The office said 96 new cases were reported in the same period, with the total number now standing at 1,658.

## STATES MAY SET NEW FARM PLANS

### Secretary Anderson Proposes Programs Be Centered In Counties Too

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. — (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Anderson proposed today that the nation's future farm program be centered more in the states and counties.

To do this, Anderson suggested that farmers elect their own county committees to develop and carry out projects. State committees would serve as a link between the county groups and the Agriculture Department.

He told the Senate and House Agriculture committees, study

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## SISTERS JAILED AS "SCOLDERS"

### Jury Listens To Recording Of Fluent Cussing By Three Women

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 8. — (AP) — Three sisters were sentenced to jail today after being found guilty of being common scolds by a jury which listened to a phonograph record of their fluent cussing in the English and Polish languages.

The charges were brought under ancient common law by Francis Pastor and his son, Francis, Jr., 19, against their neighbors, the Znosko sisters, Helen, 29, Betty, 24, and Josephine, 20.

The younger Pastor introduced

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## WHISKY HOLIDAY NOW PREDICTED

### Luckman Says Distillers Will Close Down Plants For 60 Days

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. — (AP) — Chairman Charles Luckman of the citizens food committee predicted tonight the nation's distilleries will close down for 60 days within three weeks.

Luckman, directing the program to conserve grain to help feed Western Europe, met with top officials of the liquor industry and announced there were no dissenters to the distillery closing requested by the committee and President Truman.

Emerging after a two and one half hour conference, Luckman told reporters that out of the 39 companies represented, 18 voted in favor of the shutdown and the other 21 asked for an opportunity to consult their stockholders.

"I think there is no question but what the directors of the

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## BENSON SUPPORTS ORDER BY HAYES

### City Manager, After Investigation, Shuts Door On Case

City Manager J. R. Benson yesterday informed Police Chief Hubert Hayes that he agreed to the punishment of 10 weeks midnight to 8 a. m. foot patrol duty without a day off given Patrolman G. H. Hines for using too much force to subdue a prisoner.

According to the city manager's investigation, Hines struck one Luby Kelly while putting him in jail on Sept. 20 after arresting him for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

It was stated that Kelly grabbed the officer, pinched his arm and attempted to hit him to provoke Hines' blow, but that the latter used too much force.

The case is considered closed. Patrolman W. M. Jordan, who took a blow from a prisoner,

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## Passengers Pray As AAL Plane Flips Upside Down

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 8. — (AP) — A big 4-motored American Airlines flag ship flipped over on its back momentarily while flying near El Paso today, tumbling 48 frightened passengers to the ceiling of the plane before it was righted.

Baggage and passengers scrambled back into their seats after the pilot, Capt. Charles Siston, righted the craft from the unexplained maneuver. An unscheduled stop was made at El Paso where six persons were given first aid. None was hurt.

## President Warns Of Price Spiral

### Federation Delegates Hear Urgent Appeal For Cooperation

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8. — (AP) — President Truman appealed in a message to the American Federation of Labor today to raise still higher America's level of production to "meet the critical conditions which threaten the well-being of the entire world."

At the same time he warned of the necessity of "remedies" in the domestic economy of the nation to cope with "unreasonable" prices and "insufficient" housing.

The President's message, read to the AFL's 66th annual convention, called upon America's workers to share the nation's abundance with the less fortunate, inasmuch as the production level today is greater than ever before in peace time. The need for grain, Mr. Truman added, "in many countries in the year ahead will be even more acute than in the past."

"I know, too," he said, "that labor and industry, recognizing the seriousness of the situation abroad, will cooperate to raise

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## PADWAY STRICKEN AT AFL MEETING

### Associates Hint Union Counsel Suffers Brain Hemorrhage

BULLETIN SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8. — (AP) — Joseph A. Padway, general counsel of the American Federation of Labor, died of a stroke tonight a few hours after collapsing during an address before the AFL's international convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8. — (AP) — Joseph A. Padway, general counsel of the American Federation of Labor, collapsed today while addressing the AFL international convention and was authoritatively reported in "very serious" condition tonight at Stanford hospital.

The English-born attorney's family issued no statement and physicians declined to be quoted, but associates familiar with the case termed a report he had suffered a brain hemorrhage "close to correct."

A physician who examined Padway shortly after he was

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## EINSATZ COMMANDOS SLEW MILLION JEWS NAZI MAJOR ADMITS

NUERNBERG, Germany, Oct. 8. — (AP) — Otto Ohlendorf, Nazi SS major general, admitted today that his "Einsatz Commandos" slew a million "racially inferior" people in the East, but denied his own guilt and placed the blame on the Russians.

The first of 23 defendants to take the stand in their trial before an American War Crimes court, Ohlendorf said the Jews slain in the East were politically partisan and thus "dangerous."

"Those we executed were singing the Internationale and hailing Stalin as they died," he added.

## And So To Bed

Unfor Sportsby, close friend and protege of Roy Cook, Star sports editor, unobtrusively put in an appearance in the news room recently before anyone arrived for the night shift and left a communication.

According to Mr. Sportsby's message, a baby son has been born to the Sportsbys at their Maffitt Village home almost a year ago. In honor of the United Nations he was named Unra, his proud father writes. Unra Sportsby is to be raised as a true citizen of the world with prejudice toward none and a leaning toward the South, he says.

Suspected by his parents of being a genius, little Unra already exhibits talent for becoming a cheer leader, he revealed. His first original cheer as his parents recorded it for posterity is:

"Unfor, three four, Who are we for? Wah! Wah! Wah! To which we add: Wah for Unra."