

General Clay Sounds Alarm

Withdrawal Of Troops From Germany Would Be World Calamity

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American commander in Germany, declared today that United States occupation forces should be kept in Germany until there is a clear understanding on the future role of the world.

Clay told a luncheon at the National Press Club that he could think of no greater calamity to Europe and the world than to remove United States troops from Germany before a real peace settlement is reached.

He spoke before the luncheon without direct quotation under rules which permit of any remarks he made which were not designated as "off the record."

In general, he defended the new level of industry in Germany as one which is essential both to make Germany self-supporting and to aid the recovery of Europe.

In Accord

(The United States and Britain agreed to raise the level of industrial production in their occupation zones despite Russian protests.)

Clay said that any increase in the German industrial level naturally meant an increase in the possible German capacity to make war in the future. But he said that the industrial resources of the country could be controlled and it was potential always held in check by agreement among the allies.

Clay estimated that if the German economy is allowed to pull itself up by its own boot straps—that is, without American loans—and if the proceeds of exports from Germany are plowed back into the economy, the merged British-American zones can become self-sustaining in three to four years.

SUC WILL STUDY ACL APPLICATION

Board Takes Under Advice, Plea For Discontinuance Of Trains

RALEIGH, Oct. 15.—(AP)—After hearing today, the State Utilities Commission took under advisement an application of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for permission to discontinue its passenger trains 48 and 49 between Rocky Mount and Wilmington.

Commission members indicated that decision of the application probably would be made a few days.

Strong objections to discontinuance of the two trains was voiced by delegations from Goldsboro, Mt. Olive, Fremont and Wallace.

The delegations included merchants, farmers and produce dealers who told the commission that the train service was essential both to the communities and to farmers of the area.

Present Evidence

At an earlier hearing on the issue, ACL officials presented evidence showing that revenues derived from the two trains is not sufficient to pay their operating costs.

The ACL originally asked for permission to discontinue the two trains between Wilmington

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JUDGE ORDERS MAN TO PULL OUT NAILS HE DROVE IN FLOOR

CLEVELAND, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Thomas Callahan, 25, today was ordered to pull out 200 nails he pounded into the living room floor of his East side apartment.

The floor squeaked, your honor," he told Municipal Judge Andrew M. Kovachy, who was hearing an eviction case brought against Callahan by the apartment owner, Miss Helen Breslin.

The judge ruled that Callahan could stay in the apartment until his lease expired in 1948, but he must remove the nails.

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy and mild Thursday and Friday, scattered showers Saturday. Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, scattered showers Saturday. Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, scattered showers Saturday. Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, scattered showers Saturday.



MEMBER of a five-member House Foreign Affairs subcommittee touring Europe, Rep. Donald L. Jackson (R-Calif.), was fired on by guerrillas using mortars, while riding in a jeep, north of Kilkis, Greece, near the Yugoslav border. The Congressman escaped injury.

SPECIAL VENIRE CALLED IN CASE

Attorneys Exhaust Regular Panel In Attempt To Secure Jury

A special venire of 30 jurors was summoned last night to appear in New Hanover county Superior Court this morning after attorneys exhausted a panel of 40 jurors yesterday attempting to select a jury to try a damage suit arising from the collision of an automobile and a bus.

Three claims against the Queen City Coach company were consolidated for purpose of trial. Attorney Jack LeGrand for the bus company successfully moved to have one of the plaintiffs, Miss Gertrude Harper, and T. B. Williams, who was driving her automobile, listed as co-defendants with the bus company in two of the suits.

The action arose from injuries the plaintiffs allege they sustained when Miss Harper's 1941 Ford four door sedan driven by Williams was struck by a Queen City bus driven by S. M. Horton at the intersection of Third and Market streets on September 4, 1945.

Mrs. Mavis Smith and Mrs. Margaret Tiencken, plaintiffs in two of the suits, were passengers in the automobile owned by Miss Harper, plaintiff in the third suit.

Complaint Filed

The complaint, filed by attorneys for Miss Harper, alleges that Williams drove Miss Harper's Ford into the intersection on getting the green traffic light, that the car stalled in the center of the intersection, and that the bus came barging into the intersection at a reckless pace—more than 35 miles per hour—and struck the stalled

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THREE GUARDSMEN KILLED IN CRASH

Four Others Injured When Plane Smashes Into Famous Pike's Peak

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Oct. 15.—(AP)—A missing Iowa National Guard C-47 transport plane was found smashed against a snow-covered slope of famous Pikes Peak today, three of its crew dead and four injured.

One of the injured crewmen had dazedly stumbled down a mountain trail to bring out a partly-coherent story of the crash. He was identified as Master Sgt. John W. Knight, 28, of Des Moines, home base of the plane.

Shortly afterward, a Colorado Springs deer hunter, Leonard Detherage, 28, clambered to the ship through thick timber and foot-deep snow.

Inside the crushed fuselage Detherage found six men, with both the dead and the living wrapped in parachutes. Knight apparently had done this before setting out for help.

Detherage said the three survivors seemed to be seriously injured and only one was able to talk. He asked if "the other guy," apparently referring to Knight, had reached safety.

The hunter lit a cigarette for this man but said he was

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Soviet Satellites Launch Hot Attack On American "Little Assembly" Plan; CIO Demands Return Of Price Control

Convention Asks Special Session

Government Supervision Of Rent, Rationing Urged For Nation

By The Associated Press

The CIO national convention Wednesday demanded an immediate session of Congress to reestablish price and rent controls and rationing, while the AFL convention voted to tax each of its members an additional one cent or more per month toward an election year war chest of \$3,000,000.

The CIO, meeting in Boston, asked for an income tax policy which would raise exemptions to \$1,500 for an individual and \$3,000 for a married couple, with \$500 deduction in addition for each dependent.

The AFL convention refused to commit itself on the question of the right to strike by public employees, but instead endorsed government workers' "legitimate and fundamental rights."

Wage Boost

In Detroit, General Motors corporation announced it had granted a five-cent hourly pay boost to an estimated 15,000 maintenance men in its 90 plants throughout the country.

Harry W. Anderson, GM vice president in charge of personnel, the 1½ cents, plus three work holidays, granted to all GM workers last spring, and was given to correct "certain inequities" in the skilled maintenance classifications.

In Baltimore, the first NLRB hearing on charges of unfair labor practices against a union continued, despite attempts of the union, the International Typographical Union, to obtain a postponement. The complaint charges the ITU and its Baltimore Local No. 12 violated the Taft-Hartley act by refusing to bargain collectively with the 22 firms of the Baltimore Graphic Arts League.

Government and company attorneys attempted to show that the local explicitly followed "instructions from the home service office" of the ITU. Union motions for recess until Monday and for separate hearings of the cases were denied.

In Brooklyn, officials of the

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PLANE TO STREW FLOWERS ON SEA

Ceremony Will Be Part Of Navy Day Program Announced For City

The 2,200-ton United States navy destroyer Stribling, a newcomer to the American fleet, will arrive in Wilmington for the Navy Day celebration on October 24, 25, and 26, the Navy department in Washington informed the Navy Day program committee here, chairman George A. Carey, said yesterday.

The Customhouse steps will be the setting for the Memorial services to be conducted Sunday, October 26, by a Navy chaplain. As a part of the ceremony flowers will be carried away from plane and scattered over the sea.

Rear Admiral Ernest W. Litch, former commander of the USS Lexington, will address a meeting of the local naval reserve unit Saturday, highlighting a program in charge of Lt. Cmdr. John Wilson, USNR.

Ladies Night will be highlighted by a dance at the Plantation club. Capt. C. G. Richardson, chief of staff for the Sixth Naval district, will be the chief speaker at brief ceremonies preceding the dance. Dr. R. J. Spinharney, former Navy flier, is in charge of the opening program.

The Stribling will be open for public inspection while docked in Wilmington, Garey reported.

Cold Storage Poultry Stocks On Oct. 1 Highest In History

Agriculture Department On Eve Of "Poultryless Thursday" Says Nation's Supply Increased By 23,000,000 Pounds Last Month; Report May Add New Fuel To Hottest Food Controversy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department reported today — on the eve of "Poultryless Thursday" — that poultry stocks in cold storage on Oct. 1 were the largest for that date on record.

The stocks increased 23,000,000 pounds during September to reach a total of 206,000,000 pounds.

This report, given without comment by the department headed by Secretary Anderson, came as the hottest controversy facing the Citizens Food committee threatened to flare up again. It concerns the wisdom of the committee's request that Americans refrain from eating fowls and eggs on Thursdays.

One poultryman, in Washington today, said that the

day to save the grain it takes to produce them.

Critics contend the idea won't save grain. Committee Chairman Charles Luckman has said he is not convinced that this contention is correct but that if further study shows it is the program will be changed.

The issue will come up Monday at a joint meeting of poultry producers, grain and feed dealers, and members of the staff of the committee.

The poultryless Thursdays are one feature the administration drive to conserve 100,000,000 bushels of grain by mid-1948 to help feed Western Europeans.

One poultryman, in Washington today, said that the

National Poultry Producers Federation is not asking outright abolition of poultryless days, but that it is concerned with the prospect of a glut of chickens on the market.

The Agriculture Department's report noted that cold storage holdings of shell eggs were the lowest for Oct. 1 since the government started keeping records more than 25 years ago. They totaled 2,800,000 cases.

The total of stored eggs, including frozen and dried as well as shell, was equivalent to 12,200,000 cases, or 1,000,000 cases below the figure of a year ago.

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WILMINGTON AREA HAS AMPLE POWER

While Supply Grows Acute Over Nation, No Shortage Expected Here

There is no shortage of electrical power in Wilmington or this section and none is expected, "unless something unforeseen turns up," George Conant, Tide Water Power company merchandising manager declared yesterday.

Conant made this statement when informed of an Associated Press power story and survey of the nation at large which revealed that American power lines, already strained by unprecedented and unusual demands, may be pushed to the limit by Christmas. The Associated Press story follows:

The nation's power lines may be strained to the limit by Christmas. They are already taut under unprecedented, and in some sections unexpected, demands for electricity.

A nation-wide survey by the Associated Press shows that in some sections plans are being made already to:

1. Ask householders "voluntarily" to save electricity.

2. Urge industry "voluntarily" to rearrange operation schedules to space out demands on generating equipment.

This might mean changes in working hours and conditions, even a return to the three-shift system of work.

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Savannah Suffers Heavy Damage From Hurricane

Only One Death Reported As Storm Blows Out In Rural Georgia

High Tide Still Lashing Beaches

Cape Fear Overflows At Chestnut Street; Damage Negligible Here

High tides continued to lash nearby beaches last night after the highest tide level since September, 1928, sent the Cape Fear river rolling into some downtown Wilmington streets yesterday morning, but no storm or tide damage had been reported in the area last night.

Observers at Wrightsville Beach said that the wind picked up there and the water again reached an unusually high mark at shortly after 8 p. m. last night, but no damage resulted. The winds and tides in the Wilmington area for the last three days were induced by the fringes of three freak hurricanes.

The last of the three reported great storms struck across Georgia and South Carolina yesterday, hitting Savannah and Charleston damaging blows, but continued inward with almost no possibility of striking Wilmington or southeastern North Carolina.

The tide here which carried Cape Fear waters into several waterfront streets to a depth of

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VA GROUP COMING HERE THIS WEEK

Hospital Site Inspection Board Will Be Given Complete Brochure

An inspection board from the Veterans administration in Washington, now touring proposed sites for the 1,000 bed neuropsychiatric hospital to be built in Eastern North Carolina, is expected to arrive in Wilmington this week-end, according to John H. Farrell, executive secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Upon their arrival here the inspection board members are slated to meet city and county officials and a joint veterans committee at the city hall, where an illustrated brochure listing pertinent facts, figures, and information concerning proposed sites near Wilmington will be presented.

The VA inspection board is

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State Department Cool, Politicos Extoll Book

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The State Department officially ignored former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' memoirs today, but their recommendations on how to deal with Russia drew applause from Democrats and Republicans in Congress.

Chairman Charles A. Eaton, N.J., of the House Foreign Affairs committee said Byrnes had performed a public service "of the most vital importance" in writing his memoirs.

But Eaton said he doubted that "even so penetrating a mind as that of Mr. Byrnes can really go to the bottom of the malignant forces represented by Mr. Stalin with which we are now dealing and must continue to deal."

Rep. Pete Jarman, D., Ala., a member of Eaton's committee, said the book would be "very valuable" to American officials now dealing with Russia.

The State Department, which has to do the dealing, was asked about the memoirs, no comment, a spokesman said.

Sen. Tom Connally, D., Tex., ranking minority member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, agreed with Byrnes that the United States may have to seek separate peace settlements with Germany, Japan and Austria. But he was unwilling to go as far as Byrnes did in suggesting that this country might have to drive Russia out of Eastern Germany.

Along The Cape Fear

FALL OF FORT FISHER—To continue with General Whiting's official report of the battle of Fort Fisher: "The fall of the general and the colonel commanding the fort—one about four and the other about thirty o'clock, p.m. had a perceptible effect upon the men, and no doubt hastened greatly the result; but we were overpowered, and no skill or gallantry could have saved the place after he effected a lodgement, except attack in the rear."

"The enemy's loss was very heavy, and so, also was our own. Of the latter, as a prisoner, I have not been able to ascertain."

"At nine o'clock, p.m., the gallant Major Reilly, who had fought the fort after the fall of his superiors, reported the ene-

my in possession of the sallyport.

"The brave Captain Van Benthuysen, of marines, though himself badly wounded, with a squad of his men, picked up the general and colonel and endeavored to make way to Battery Buchanan, followed by Reilly with the remnant of the forces."

"On reaching there, it was found to be evacuated, by whose order and what authority, I know not; no boats were there. The garrison of Fort Fisher had coolly been abandoned to its fate."

"Thus fell Fort Fisher after three days unparalleled in the annals of war. Nothing was left but to await the approach of

Farm Income This Year To Be Highest Recorded

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Farm income this year will be the highest on record and probably will remain high next year, the Agriculture Department said today.

This year's gross farm income was estimated at \$34,300,000,000, or 18 per cent above last year. Net income—the difference between gross income and production expenses—was estimated at \$18,000,000,000.

Looking to 1948, a department report said income will depend largely on the volume of crop production and foreign demand.



ONE OF two women employees slightly hurt when the U. S. Consulate in Jerusalem was bombed was Mrs. Ethel de Levie, formerly of Dorchester, Mass. She has been employed in the Holy Land consular service as a clerk for many years.

CIO CONVENTION APPROVES POLICY

Delegates Roar Approval Of American Foreign Plan; Back Truman

BOSTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The CIO convention roared thunderous applause today as CIO leaders, one after another, shouted their support of American foreign policy.

Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, said the "same people in the CIO who were calling Roosevelt a 'warmonger' in 1940 are now calling Truman a 'warmonger'."

George Baldanzi, executive vice president of the Textile Workers, said that American officials had been denounced in Russia, and that the President has been called a "Hitler" and he shouted:

"He couldn't be a Hitler, because if he were a Hitler, Russia would work out a pact with him."

This brought one of the biggest ovations of the CIO convention, which earlier today heard a speech by Secretary of State Marshall.

Van Bittner, director of the CIO organizing committee said "any group anywhere in the world that says the United States wants war—they're just saying something that is absolutely untrue, and they know it."

RUN-AWAY COUPE CRUSHES INFANT

Jacksonville Baby Dies Of Injuries From Freak Accident

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 15.—A 14-week-old baby was crushed to death at Holly Ridge, near here, Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 when the emergency brakes on a 1939 model Ford coupe failed to hold, officers said.

The baby, Alan John Menting, son of Sgt. and Mrs. Helart Menting, was in a carriage in front of Rhodes store being attended by four-year-old Jerry Browning, whose mother was inside shopping with Mrs. Menting.

James C. Batson parked his car near the carriage, facing it, and had walked over to talk to someone.

Sheriff Dan Sanders, who with Coroner Talbert Jones investigated, said the emergency brakes on the car gave way and the car rolled into the carriage and pointed it and the baby against the building.

Sanders said that Batson had just bought the car Monday.

The baby was rushed to the naval hospital at Camp Lejeune a half later.

Slavik Says Move Would Kill Veto

Five Nations Rally Behind U. S. Proposal Before UN Group

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Soviet satellites today ripped into the American proposal for a year-round United Nations "Little Assembly," charging that it was a scheme to sneak through the back door and kill the veto.

Both Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia warned that the proposal would undermine UN, and hinted that it would increase world suspicion of the United States.

But five other nations rallied to the American plan, hailing it as the answer to the mounting world problems which the regular UN general assembly does not have time to solve.

Backing the United States plan today were China, Turkey, Belgium, Uruguay and El Salvador. Some had reservations, but they made a total of nine countries which have supported the "Little Assembly" in principle during two days of debate before the UN Political committee. Russia, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia are the only nations that have objected.

Slavik Attacks

Juraj Slavik of Czechoslovakia protested that setting up a veto-free, 57-member "Little Assembly" would be an attack on the veto "through the back door and service entrance."

He joined Vladimir Popovic of

PERILOUS RESCUE AT SEA COMPLETE

Crew Of Bill Takes Off Last Of Sky Queen Passengers

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Heroic sailors of the Coast Guard Cutter Bibb today completed the perilous rescue of all 69 persons on a wave-battered flying boat ditched in mid-ocean and then sped through North Atlantic waters for port—with all survivors "in fine spirits."

The sleek cutter, whose crew had fought mountainous waves and gale winds for nearly 24 hours in removing men, women and children from the downed trans-Atlantic plane, ploughed through now placid seas for Boston, 1,605 miles away.

Capt. Paul B. Cronk, skipper of the Bibb, and his crew brought 17 men and a woman to safety at dawn—last of the 62 passengers and seven crewmen to be taken off the huge flying boat which flutered to a landing near the cutter yesterday when fuel ran low.

Cronk said tonight in a radio broadcast from the Bibb, monitored by the National Broadcasting Co., that "we sort of have the feeling that we are coming out of a nightmare."

He said he could not estimate when the ship would put in at Boston because he now has orders to rendezvous with another Coast Guard ship, the Duane, to take off a seaman suffering from appendicitis.

When the Bibb's second mercy mission is completed, she will continue for Boston.

Meantime, Cronk said, all passengers of the plane, all

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WISCONSIN MAN GETS SKUNK BACK BUT NOT HIS 'HARMLESS' PET

SUSSEX, Wis., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Almond Zillmer's search for his pet skunk—a project ordinarily as difficult as finding a tiger in a clothes closet, but complicated in this case by deodorization of the skunk—will be carried on, but with more caution.

A neighbor recently handed Zillmer a bag, assuring him it contained the skunk which had escaped. The neighbor was half right. Occupant of the bag, undoubtedly a skunk, was the wrong one.

And So To Bed

Many persons were lined up at the theatre last night to see "Gone With the Wind."

Included in the crowd were a couple from Wrightsville, who were discussing the storm. One of them said: "Tonight we come to Wilmington to see 'Gone With the Wind' while last night we came to keep away from the wind."