

FORECAST:
Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer today; Saturday, generally fair and mild.

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Red Danger Stalks China

Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer Fears Nation May Be Drawn Into Soviet Orbit

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer said today that "unless drastic reforms, particularly in the economic field, are implemented soon, China will be drawn into the Soviet orbit in spite of the assistance that we Americans must extend."

The statement was the first indication of the nature of his report of President Truman after a six-week investigation in China and Korea. It was contained in a letter to Mrs. John Gardner Coolidge of the John Gardner Committee for United Service to China.

Wedemeyer said that China is passing through conditions of "revolution and revolution" and that the Soviet Union is capitalizing on "disorganization and chaos in the area exactly as she has done in Europe."

The general made a report on his survey to President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall upon his return to this country in mid-September and it has been one of the best kept government secrets in recent years.

Secrecy Criticized

Government authorities were criticized for their failure to disclose data from Wedemeyer's report by Representative Judd (R-Minn.) last night on the eve of his departure for China, Japan and Korea as a one-man sub committee of the House Foreign Affairs committee.

In Washington today, President Truman told a news conference that the secretary of state would have something to say soon about Wedemeyer's survey.

In his letter to Mrs. Coolidge, Wedemeyer wrote:

"With approximately 80 per cent of the population illiterate, it is in my opinion unwise to expect true democratic procedures. However, we Americans should support the aspirations of the Chinese to improve their cultural position and to participate intelligently and realistically in their government."

"Conditions in the Far East after the war were similar to those in Europe with disrupted

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GEN. EISENHOWER SHUNS POLITICS

Chief Of Staff Says Authors Of Draft Campaign Unknown To Him

MANCHESTER, N. H., Oct. 16.—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower tonight told a news conference: "I don't want anything to do with politics."

Questioned about the "draft Eisenhower" campaign, General Eisenhower said he has never had any personal acquaintance with the persons sponsoring it, adding "no name (in that committee) rings a bell with me."

Asked if he would be a Presidential candidate, the general said, "I have a lot of friends in the country and I don't want to lose any of them."

The army chief of staff will speak tonight in the first of a series of the Manchester Community Forum being sponsored by the Manchester Union-Leader.

General Eisenhower said he has set April 1 as the date when he would terminate his duty as chief of staff, adding, however, that it might be three months either way. Upon his retirement from the Army he will become President of Columbia University.

He said he did not know who would succeed him as chief of staff but declared that "the rumors in Washington have General Bradley as my successor."

He referred to General Bradley as "one of the greatest soldiers and greatest Americans in Washington."

(General Bradley is head of the Veterans administration.)

General Eisenhower said that his principal concern in Washington at present was recruiting for the Army.

The Weather

South Carolina and North Carolina—Partly cloudy and warmer Friday, with showers in mountain section. Friday morning, Saturday generally fair and mild.

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

TEMPERATURES
1:30 a. m. 72; 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m. 79; 7:30 p. m. 73; Maximum 81; Minimum 70; Mean 75; Normal 66.

HUMIDITY
7:30 a. m. 91; 7:30 a. m. 95; 1:30 p. m. 74; 7:30 p. m. 68.

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

Total since the first of the month 4.33 inches.

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

Wilmington
High 12:04 a. m.; 6:35 a. m.; 6:55 p. m.; 12:12 p. m.
Low 1:30 a. m.; 7:30 a. m.; 1:30 p. m.; 7:30 p. m.

Masonboro Inlet
High 9:55 p. m.; 3:59 p. m.
Low 6:19 p. m.; 2:36 p. m.; 8:36 a. m.; 4:02 p. m.

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William Green

GREEN REELECTED A F. L. PRESIDENT

CIO Calls For One Million Political Workers In 1948 Campaign

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The CIO called hursday for 1,000,000 political action workers in 1948, while the AFL re-elected its 74-year-old president, William Green, at a convention session from which John L. Lewis and all officers of his United Mine Workers were absent.

The CIO called Thursday for a goal of 65,000,000 to 70,000,000 registered voters for the 1948 election and moved for "unprecedented" organization of the American people to ignore party labels in voting.

In San Francisco, Lewis was absent from the election session although it was his privilege to nominate Green because Green himself is a member of the mine workers, Lewis and the AFL leadership have been in conflict in the last two days and Lewis was stripped of his rank as an AFL officer. The move was accomplished by abolishing the 13 vice presidencies of the AFL.

Election Holidays

The AFL convention also called upon its affiliates to observe both primary and general election days as holidays, and to sign no contracts failing to contain the designation of those days as holidays.

The CIO convention, despite its support of political action by its members, gave no official indication of what candidates it favors.

Jack Kroll, CIO political action director, said that for candidates the CIO must seek out "the type of man who will have to be coaxed into making the race but who will make a steadfast and courageous Congressman when he gets to Washington."

TOBACCO PRICES TAKES SLIGHT DIP

Eastern, Old Belts Report Declines While Middle Belt Higher

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Old Belt and Eastern North Carolina markets posted lower average prices on offerings yesterday, according to the Federal-State Departments of Agriculture, but other markets registered advances, the Marketing Service said.

Middle Belt increases ranged from \$1 to \$4 for smoking leaf, as were most lugs. Cutters jumped from \$1 to \$3 in most grades, and thin nondescript was up from 75 cents to \$3.

Wednesday's general average showed a 26-cent boost over Tuesday when 3,913,290 pounds were sold for an average of \$39.79 per hundred pounds.

Steady to slightly higher prices were posted on the Border Belt of North Carolina and South Carolina, with the advances running from 75 cents to \$2.

Prices were irregular on the Old Belt, with gains and losses about evenly divided. Comparative averages, as released by the Marketing Service, showed changes from 50 cents to \$5.50, but the greatest variations were from \$1 to \$3.

Although some low and common leaf and smoking leaf grades sold for higher prices, the majority of the offerings on

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Military Authorities Announce Plans To Dismantle 682 German-Owned Plants; Britain Determined To Quit Holy Land

Troop Withdrawal Likely Next Year

Crech-Jones Says Nation Will Give Up Palestine Mandate

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Britain served her second notice on the United Nations Assembly today that she will give up the Palestine mandate and withdraw from the riot-torn Holy Land.

The date for withdrawal was not set but Britain said it would occur "within a limited period."

The British at the same time turned down a United States suggestion that they remain responsible for the Holy Land through an indefinite transition period pending the final achievement of independence.

Colonial Secretary Arthur Crech-Jones told the Assembly's extraordinary 57-Nation Palestine committee that Britain would consider an invitation to take part in making effective a U. N. settlement but warned that "his majesty's government will not accept the responsibility for enforcement either alone or in the major role."

Several delegates observed after Crech-Jones spoke that his new statement was stronger than his first, made on Sept. 26 at the opening of the Palestine committee debate. British sources said that his speech was intended to tell the Assembly beyond all doubt that the British meant every word when they said they would withdraw and that they no longer would carry on the mandate.

Nations Split

Meanwhile, Cuba and Argentina split with several of their fellow Latin American republics and spoke against partition.

Crech-Jones himself has taken no position for or against partition of the Holy Land into Arab and Jewish nations and British delegates insisted he would not take any position. Britain thus differed from the United States and Russia, both of which have come out for partition.

Crech-Jones told the committee that the Assembly must not delay its decision "unduly." He said the "sand has started to run" and that the Assembly must act.

Answering those who have contended Britain could not surrender the mandate, Crech-Jones said his government felt it could do so.

Crech-Jones said Britain had struggled hard for a solution of

DITCHES NEEDED ON CHERRY AVE

Board Of Health To Urge New Excavations As Protective Measure

Unsanitary conditions reported to the county health department Wednesday as caused by drainage ditches along the north end of Cherry avenue in the Audubon section were investigated today by the health department sanitary engineers who concluded the situation can be remedied.

L. L. Lassiter, sanitary engineer, said that the board of health will recommend to the county commissioners that some new ditches be excavated to prevent the possibility of a recurrence of the condition.

Residents complained Thursday that water overflowing the ditches flooded low lying land in the vicinity, stopping the flow of septic tanks and creating an unsanitary condition.

Residents of the area reported that until now they have been unsuccessful in getting ditches in the area opened up when the state and the county passed the buck to each other, each claiming that the ditches were the responsibility of the other.

"Look-See" At Elizabeth To Cost Onlookers \$300

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Scotland Yard today imposed unexpected security provisions for the route of the royal wedding procession Nov. 20 when Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten make their first British appearance before the marriage.

Police notified all landlords that the name of every ticket holder admitted to buildings overlooking the route must be filed with Scotland Yard. Every ticketholder is subject to search

Bus Passengers Hit Plaintiff Testimony

Evidence Contradicts Women's Version Of Car-Bus Crash

The suit of three Wilmington women for damages totalling \$55,000 against the Queen City Coach company was dealt a blow in a special session of New Hanover county Superior court Thursday evening, when passengers of the bus offered evidence contradictory to that offered by the plaintiffs Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Gertrude Harper, Mrs. H. S. Abernathy—who was Mrs. Mavis Smith at the time of the accident, September 4, 1945—and Mrs. Margaret Tiencken, hospital employees, testified they were riding to the hospital in Mrs. Harper's Ford sedan driven by T. B. Williams on the morning of the accident.

Williams and the three women testified the Ford stalled in the center of the intersection of Third and Market streets and that a Queen City bus driven by S. M. Horton came into the intersection at a speed of 35 miles per hour without swerving or slowing down and crashed into the stalled Ford.

Most seriously injured appeared to have been Mrs. Tiencken, who testified she was knocked unconscious, received a broken pelvis, back injury, many severe bruises, and nervous injuries. She said she spent 58 days in the hospital, and has not been able to return to her job or do household work at home since the accident.

Her evidence, corroborated by evidence of other witnesses, See BUS on Page Two

CITIZENS URGED TO BACK TRUMAN

Mayor White Issues Appeal For Food Saving; May Name Group

An appeal to Wilmingtonians to observe food conservation measures advocated by President Truman was made here yesterday by Mayor E. L. White.

In doing so, he disclosed that he had received a telegram from Charles Luckman, chairman of the President's Food Conservation committee, requesting establishment of a local Citizens Food committee.

Luckman also "urged the people of this community to cooperate in the President's program by using no meat on Tuesdays, no poultry or eggs on Thursdays, saving a slice of bread every day and urging restaurants to serve bread and butter only upon request."

The Wilmington mayor said "all of us know that there is a critical shortage of food in the world today, particularly in Western Europe. I am requesting our citizens to be mindful of this situation and use every effort to save food and particularly not to waste food during this critical period."

Mayor White added that "I am giving my best consideration to the selection of a representative committee to better consolidate the food saving efforts of the people and to conserve food now for those most in need."

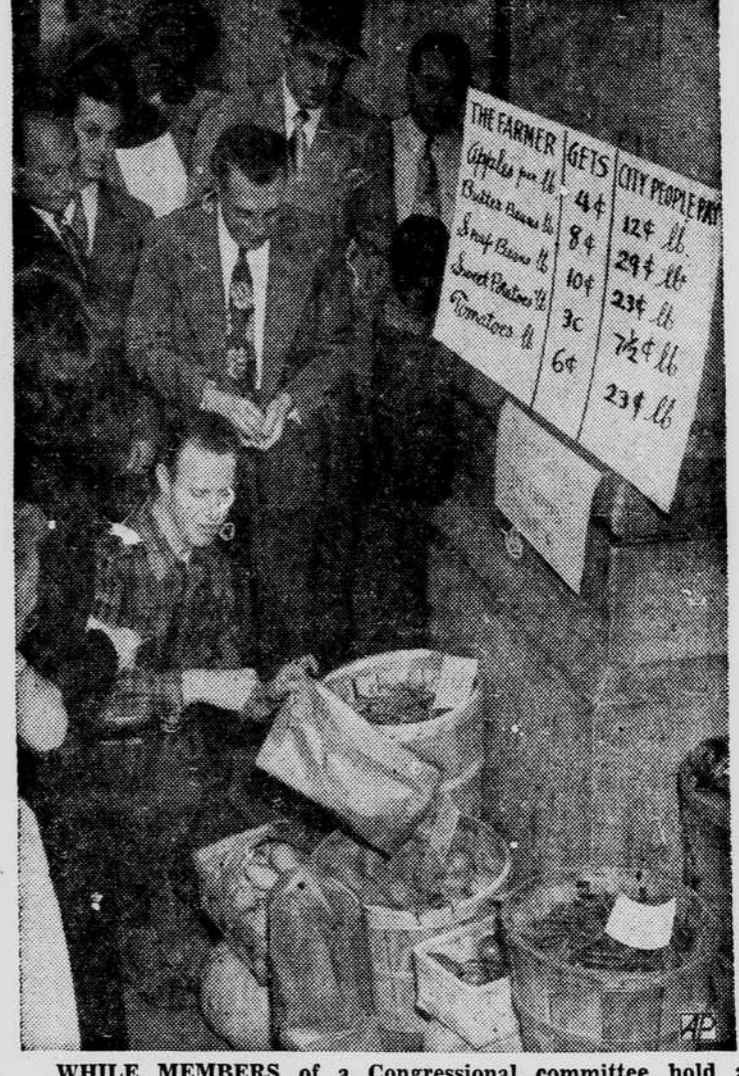
Along The Cape Fear

FATE OF THE DEFENDERS

After Fort Fisher was captured, General Whiting was taken prisoner and held at Fort Columbus on Governors' Island, where he died on March 10, 1865. Major James Reilly, the fearless defender of the fort remained not far from the scene of his heroic exploits until his death on November 5, 1894.

Colonel George Tate, a gallant Scotchman from Bladen county, who volunteered at the outbreak of the war and remained in active service as a prominent officer in the Cape Fear area until the end of the conflict, lived to return to his home in Norfolk as did Colonel William Lamb, the fort's commander, who returned to Norfolk to engage in business after the war.

FATE OF WILMINGTON—After destroying all fortifications near the mouth of the Cape Fear, the Federal troops continued up both sides of the river to Wilmington, reaching the port city on February 20, 1865. Colonel John J. Hedrick fired



WHILE MEMBERS of a Congressional committee hold a hearing in the Chamber of Commerce building at Atlanta, Ga., to investigate food prices, Henry Dyer (in plaid shirt) of Clarksville, a member of the Farmers Union of Georgia, squats in front of the building and sells products of his farm in a demonstration of what farmers get for their produce and what city people pay in retail stores. Selling at farmers' prices, Dyer sold out his stock in 12 minutes. He said sign at right lists the difference in farmers' prices and what consumers in cities pay to retailers.

Mayor To Welcome Editors, Publishers

Eastern Carolina Press Association Convenes Here Tonight

Getting under way with an address of welcome by Mayor E. L. White at the dinner session at 7 o'clock this evening at the Friendly cafeteria, the annual meeting of the Eastern Carolina Press association will provide three featured speeches and a number of reports in its sessions today and tomorrow.

Delegates from all newspaper members of the association are expected to be on hand, and invitations have been issued to all newspapers in the State.

Presenting findings tabulated from a survey of papers in this half of the state, C. A. Eury, of New Bern, will report on staff requirements at tonight's opening meeting.

The Saturday morning session at the Cape Fear hotel will feature an address by Robert

STRANGE AILMENT PUZZLES DOCTORS

California Child Suffers Paralysis From Some Unknown Cause

PASADENA, Calif., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Doctors puzzled today over a mysterious ailment that has paralyzed five year old Andrea Brodine from the waist down, but which a thorough analysis at Huntington Memorial hospital has shown is not infantile paralysis.

The child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brodine, became ill last summer while vacationing. Shortly afterward she lost sight in one eye but later recovered it, only to lose sight in the other. She suffers no pain, her parents said. The paralysis set in about three weeks ago and administration of about 40-

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Golightly Didn't Go Lightly On Marriage

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The two women, both blonde but one younger and stouter, stood with the man before the judge's bench while the jurist stared at them unbelievably.

"It's too complicated for me," Magistrate Francis X. Giaccone said, then leaned back to ponder the story he had just heard from Detective Dewey Warnecke.

Last Saturday, Ruth Belsky Golightly, 21, complained to police that her husband, Raymond, 48, a hospital employee, had failed to support her or her

Krupp Gun-Making Factories To Go

American-British Will Go Ahead With Task Despite Threats

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—(AP)—British and American Military government authorities announced plans today to dismantle 682 German industrial plants in their combined zones, despite German threats of strikes and other expressions of non-cooperation.

Five plants of the gun-making Krupp plant were listed for leveling. Three plants in the Essen area, one for making armaments, another for miscellaneous steel products and the Barbeck Pig Iron and Steel works were designated for extinction. A Krupp plant at Lagenhagen in lower Saxony, devoted to making structural steel and submarine hulls, and a pneumatic equipment plant at Geisenheim in Hesse also were listed for the wreckers axe.

At Dusseldorf trade union leaders voiced comments such as "appalling" and "crushing" when they learned that Western Germany's Ruhr and Rhineland valleys would lose 234 industrial plants.

Under the dismantling schedule, designed to give Western Germany the go-ahead on a new level of industry plan intended to remove war production from the German economy, the bizonal area will have a productive capacity approximately equal to that of 1936. The plan calls for exports in excess of 1936.

"If instead of cooperation there is conflict, any hope of reviving German economy will disappear," Lt. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, recently designated as the next

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FIRST WAR DEAD DUE ON SATURDAY

Remains Of 122 Carolinians Will Arrive At Charlotte Depot

CHARLOTTE, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The remains of 122 Carolinians who died at Pearl Harbor will arrive at the American Graves Registration division of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot at 8:30 a. m., Saturday, it was announced today.

They are the first of an estimated 7,000 servicemen and women, who will be returned to North Carolina and South Carolina for final burial. Some 10,000 Carolina troops were killed, but about 30 per cent of the next-of-kin have requested that the bodies remain buried overseas.

The bodies reaching here Saturday are the first to be returned. They include 24 members of the Army Air Force, 25 Army ground troops, 42 Navy personnel, 29 Marines, one Coast Guard officer and a civilian. They are among the 3,028 which arrived aboard the Honda Knot at San Francisco a week ago from the Schofield Barracks cemetery in Hawaii.

Mayor H. H. Baxter of Charlotte today asked citizens and business houses here to fly flags at half-mast Saturday. A memorial service to World War II dead will be held at 1 p. m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian church.

The bodies will be escorted by uniformed servicemen to the places selected for burial.

A second arrival of bodies is expected the first week of November from the Henri Chapelle cemetery in Belgium.

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And So To Bed

A local man decided to have a little fun at the cafe where he had been eating for several weeks.

It had been his custom to leave the waitress a small tip each time he had his meals. It was usually ten or fifteen cents, according to his bill.

While waiting for his food, he thought of a grand idea, or at least he thought it was. As he prepared to leave, he placed a one-cent piece in plain view of the waitress and under his plate he placed a twenty-five cent piece.

The waitress came to remove the dishes and saw the copper and remarked it was more than she did.

Her face turned a rosy pink and then a brilliant red when she discovered the two-bit piece.

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