

Wilmington and vicinity: Cloudy and not so cool today with considerable fog and drizzle in morning, milder at night; Friday cloudy with occasional rain and not much change in temperature.

Terror Rocks Italy, Sicily

Authorities Unable To Resist Growing Communist Led Strikers

ROME, Nov. 19.—Italy and Sicily put up feeble defenses against an increasing wave of violence tonight as political disorders and Communist-led labor stoppages swept the nation.

A crowd of 1,000 miners and peasants overpowered police headquarters at Caltanissetta in Sicily, attempted to lynch the chief of police and wrecked the headquarters of two right wing parties.

The chief suffered a possible skull fracture and several policemen were beaten. Heavy reinforcements of police and Carabinieri were sent from Palermo before order was restored to the city of 50,000 in the center of Sicily.

A general strike was called in Bari to start at midnight and heavy police forces guarded the center of that important city as workers began leaving their jobs well before the zero hour.

Barracks Besieged
A dispatch from Bari said demonstrators in nearby Gravina were besieging the police barracks and that the town's communications had been interrupted.

In Andria, a bomb was thrown at the office of the Leftist controlled chamber of labor, but caused no damage.

The news agency Ansa said a general strike was called today in Barietta, on the Southeast coast near Bari, and would continue tomorrow. Strikers isolated the city by blockading all its roads. Ansa said, and a truckload of Carabinieri was stoned. The federal police fired shots into the air to free themselves from the mob.

Later, about 1,000 demonstrators marched through Barietta streets denouncing police "abuses."

Also isolated by strikers were the Southern towns of San Giorgio, Jonico and Castellana, Ansa said.

A Venice Dispatch said a strike in nearby Rovigo province took a grave turn when "action squads" of Communists and Socialists, armed with clubs roved through villages and towns, forcing all businesses and industries to close. Highway were blocked in the Venetian area.

20 DIE, 10 HURT IN PLANE CRASH

Swedish Chartered Ship Overshoots Runway Near Ravello, Italy

NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 19.—Twenty Swedish fliers were killed and 10 others, the only survivors, were injured last night in the crash of a Swedish airliner carrying 21 pilots who had delivered bombers to Ethiopia.

A motor failure and fog which prevented an emergency landing were blamed for the crash in mountainous country near Ravello.

A Swedish Air Force press relations officer said in Stockholm that the crash of the chartered Bristol cargo plane was "The worst catastrophe that ever befell the Swedish Air Force."

The 21 passenger-airmen were all described as "young and capable fliers" who had flown 17 single-engine Swedish-built bombers of a Swedish type called B-17 to Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital. The plane has no connection with the American four-engine bomber also designated as B-17.

The 21 included four captains and nine lieutenants.

Survivors of the crash, of whom five were seriously hurt, said failure of a motor over water while the plane was off the Sorrentine Peninsula en route to Rome's Ciampino airport led the pilot to try to land in flat country around the fishing village of Cetara.

In the fog and rain, however, the pilot overshoot the mark, and the big plane crashed into Mount Del Garro just behind Ravello.

Marshall Will Talk "Turkey" To Soviet

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall leaves for London tomorrow for another try at reaching agreement with the Russians on the long-delayed German and Austrian peace treaties.

Marshall, who set the record "straight" regarding Russo-American relations in a Chicago address last night, will go to London determined to make some progress in the peace treaty writing.

But this time he has made it completely clear to the Kremlin.

Committee Hears Story Of 'Dummy' Firm Set-Up

"GOOD LUCK"

LONDON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—A black cat got a thunderous cheer at Buckingham palace tonight.

Crowds were massed outside saluting Princess Elizabeth and her husband-to-be. The cat stepped through a top-floor window of the palace and sat on a sill. The throng roared.

To Britons a black cat is a symbol of good luck.

EMPLOYMENT NOW AT PEAK IN U. S.

Report Shows No Industries Laying Off Men; 60 Millions At Work

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Unemployment is at the lowest level since the war and no industries are showing signs of laying off employees, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said today.

Commissioner Ewan Clague told a news conference that employment in non-agricultural lines hit an all-time peak of 43,250,000 in October, a gain of more than 200,000 over the past month.

The total work force, including self-employed and agricultural workers, was 60,900,000 in October, Clague said. He explained this meant there were 59,200,000 civilian jobs, because unemployment compensation claims revealed 1,700,000 persons unemployed.

In this unemployed figure, Clague said, there is a growing percentage of over-age workers who might not return to the work force.

The chief labor statistician said that if trends of previous years are followed, the non-agricultural employment figure will increase to a peak in December, with the heavy Christmas business.

Employment in all industries was at peak levels, Clague said. Unless workers are employed longer hours or increase the index of productivity in some other way, the existing force is turning out about the maximum possible production right now, Clague said.

On top of the other favorable factors in the employment picture, Clague reported that in October construction was started on 92,000 dwellings, making it one of the best home building months on record.

NAVY MEN SPLIT SALVAGE AWARDS

Two North Carolinians Among Those Who Will Receive \$3,000

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Navy men who salvaged a sinking German freighter off Brazil 6 years ago, one month before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, today began receiving checks for their exploits.

Each of the 66 officers and men from the Cruiser Omaha, who boarded the freighter Odenwald and took her in to San Juan, have been awarded \$3,000 by the U. S. District Court in Puerto Rico.

In all, 51 officers and 829 men of the Omaha and the Destroyer

Beauteous Boas Boost Taxpayer's Zoo Stock

By ARTHUR EDSON
Associated Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—There has been precious little cheering news for taxpayers lately. So it's nice to report that in one small respect at least, government business is booming.

I refer, of course, to the Rainbow Boa snake situation, which is good.

While you were busy figuring your income tax, you probably never thought, "well, anyway, my Rainbow Boas are doing okay."

Senate Committee Unanimously Approves European Aid Program; Arabs Demand One Palestine Area

66-Page Document Contains Warning

United Nations Told Attempt To Split Holy Land May Mean War

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Arab states demanded today that the United Nations set up Palestine as an independent, Arab-controlled state, and warned that any attempt to partition the Holy Land would touch off hostilities that would continue for some time.

The warning—the bluntest yet sounded—was contained in a 66-page Palestine program written by six Arab states and the Moslem countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The plan was submitted to the UN Palestine committee which will weigh it against the rival Soviet-American program for partition of Palestine into Arab and Jewish States. Then, in one of the most fateful decisions it has ever taken, the Assembly must decide Palestine's future status.

A nine - nation subcommittee late today finally approved the Soviet-American program for partition, and the full 57-nation Palestine committee went into a night session to speed a verdict.

The Arab plan called for:
1. End of British rule of Palestine.
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SUPERIOR JUDGE TIGHTEN DIVORCE

Members Of Bench To Enforce Three New Rules After January 1

GREENSBORO, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Before presiding over a morning session of Guilford Superior Court in which 19 divorce decrees were granted today, Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton told Greensboro attorneys that beginning January 1 divorce procedure must meet stricter specifications.

Judge Warlick said that at a recent conference North Carolina Superior Court judges agreed to enforce three new rules not included in state divorce laws.

First rule is that judges will not hear divorce actions in which one party does not maintain residence in the county where notice of intention is served by publication.

The second is that in cases where husbands seek divorce from wives having minor children, the wife must be given actual notice of trial if possible.

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PLANE PROPELLERS CUT DOWN FLEEING AIRFIELD WORKERS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 19.—Two men were killed today when cut down by the spinning propellers of a P-16 Black Widow night fighter as they attempted to escape a fire in the aircraft.

The Tinker Air Field public information officer said the men, civilian employees, jumped from the plane when an engine caught fire and started running. The Black Widow has two engines and each man was struck by a different propeller, he said.

They were identified as Alvie A. Layton, 35, and Everett D. Ulrich, 49, both of Oklahoma City.

Along The Cape Fear

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR BABY—A sure sign that the New Hanover Health and Tuberculosis association's Christmas Seal Sale is getting under way is the blistered and burned fingers exhibited yesterday by Miss Lucy Nash, executive secretary of the association. Miss Nash spent most of the day folding letters and stuffing envelopes in preparation for the posting of campaign literature.

Members of the local Jaycees are already embarked on their pre-seal sale bond drive to raise funds for the T. B. campaign. Their tentative goal is \$5,000. This portion of the total funds to be raised has been designated by the Jaycees as "our baby," stances in the book of Judge W. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, who presided over the current criminal session of New Hanover Superior court. Any young male defendant charged with

POCKET COMBS are the anti-

Republicans Split Sharply Over Truman Rationing Plan

NIFTY NYLONS KNOCKED OUT BY NIPPY MORNING WEATHER

WEST BRANCH, Mich., Nov. 19.—(AP)—The icy hand of winter gripped the exposed legs of West Branch High school girls today and propelled them into a demonstration in favor of slacks.

About 20 'teen-agers stayed away from classrooms they charged were overly prim and paraded in front of this North-eastern Michigan city's only high school.

They bore signs proclaiming "We Want Slacks." The ban on slacks in classrooms was issued by 38-year-old Ralph Miller, shortly after he became superintendent of schools last September.

"Teachers don't like girls slouching around class rooms in slacks," he maintained.

But the 20 dissenters among the student body of 400 complained that dresses and skirts left girlish legs exposed to the goose-pimpling winds of a northern winter.

Three Marines Arrested In Taxicab Robbery Case

By BERNICE JENKINS
Star Staff Writer

Two scraped fenders in a supposed hit-and-run auto accident and the fast work of alert State Highway Patrolman R. C. Duncan resulted in the arrest here last night of three youthful Camp Lejeune marines and a recently dishonorably discharged marine on charges of highway robbery and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The men were arrested in connection with the robbery and assault of J. H. Irving, Jr., local taxicab operator in Brunswick county early last Friday morning. Duncan said last night that confessions had been received.

Those arrested were: Cpl. Carl Steinert, 19, native of British Columbia, Canada, and in the Second division; Cecil R. Hosmer, 17, discharged October 30 from the Marine corps, a native of Birmingham, Ala.; Pvt. Gerald Lee, 18, Toledo, Ohio, Second division; and Pvt. C. Ed. Wilson, Pittsburgh, Penna., who was arrested at Camp Lejeune last night by military authorities on information from the highway patrol.

Steinert, Lee and Hosmer were positively identified by Irving last night when he was brought down to the highway patrol headquarters for that purpose. Irving, who had been viewing a number of suspects since the armed robbery on Friday morning, pointed to Hosmer as the one who held the gun as he was forced from his cab.

Irving's story after the assault was that he was hired to drive the men to a roadside house on Navassa road between Highways 74 and 76 in Brunswick county after picking them up at the Cape Fear hotel here. He said that they assaulted him with a gun and later attempted to shoot him after driving him to a point on the Maco road. He escaped by pushing the man with the gun and running into the woods, he said.

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CLATTER OF FALLING DISHPAN SAVES CASH FOR BALTIMORE MAN

BALTIMORE, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Carl Green told police today he started to raise his hands in the best tradition when a man came into his grocery store brandishing a revolver.

"Keep your hands down—I want everything you've got," the gunman ordered. Green started to hand over his cash. His wife dropped a dishpan in the adjoining kitchen. The gunman almost jumped out of his skin. He fled.

thesis of extenuating circumstances is apparently looked upon with suspicion by His Honor. Judge Burgwyn usually suspects a companion of the opposite sex is the approximate cause of the larceny—particularly where money is involved. In such cases the defendant is invariably the recipient of the judge's sharp query, "By the way, are you carrying a comb in your pocket?"

Invariably the answer is "Yes, sir," which draws the inevitable comment, "I thought so." Invariably, too, when the culprit is so fortunate as to draw a suspended sentence, disposal of the comb is a condition of the parole.

That defense attorneys do not tip off their young clients to dispose of their pocket combs before they face Judge Burgwyn, is a tribute to the honesty and generally high level of ethics

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Debate On Floor Set For Monday

Foreign Relations Group Reverse Stand On Outside Buying

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee today unanimously approved a bill authorizing \$597,000,000 of emergency aid for France, Italy and Austria, and Chairman Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., said that floor debate would begin Monday.

Reversing a previous Congressional stand, the committee amended the act to provide for spending up to 25 per cent of the funds to purchase relief supplies outside of the United States, thus reducing the drain on American markets.

It also rejected proposals to place the program under a special new agency, and specifically stipulated that existing foreign relief channels be used.

Other amendments are designed to insure that the Austrians, French and Italians know where the relief is coming from, and that they do their utmost to help themselves in the meantime.

To Keep Busy
Vandenberg, who is Senate president as well as head of the Foreign Relations committee, said that floor debate, once begun, will continue until the bill is passed. If it is not approved by Thanksgiving, he said he would resort to the unusual procedure of holding the Senate in session on the Friday and Saturday following the holiday.

Secretary of State Marshall has said the program is needed not later than Nov. 30.

While Vandenberg was pressing for swift action, there were indications the bill might meet considerable delay in the Senate Appropriations committee which must approve the actual outlay of funds. Chairman Styles Bridges, R., N. H., said yesterday his committee "would not be stampeded" and he promised a thorough investigation of domestic

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GROUNDPLANE FAR FROM CLEAR

Ladies Say No Indication Possible When DC-6's Will Resume

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—There still is no indication how soon the grounded DC-6 transports of six air lines will resume passenger operations, Chairman James M. Landis of the Civil Aeronautics Board said tonight.

Landis told a reporter experts of the CAB, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the Air lines and the Douglas Aircraft Corporation still are "going over the entire situation."

"Nobody is ready to say at this time when the DC-6s will resume passenger operations," Landis said.

President Truman's four-engine DC-6, The Independence, and the sister ships of six air lines were grounded Nov. 12 after a fire forced a DC-6 operated by American Airlines to land at Gallup, N.M., Nov. 11.

Another DC-6, operated by United Airlines, crashed in flames in Utah last month, killing 52 persons. No one was injured in the Gallup landing.

Some investigators have expressed the opinion both fires originated in the heater compartment below the pressurized cabin.

And So To Bed

A "pink" minded liberal young man home in Wilmington from the big city where he had become so educated that he scorned his former New Hanover high class mates was sounding off to some of his old cronies.

Becoming bored with the trend of conversation one of the young students asked in mock seriousness:

"Honestly, now, these Communist friends of yours do not pretend to seriously believe in Democracy, do they?" "Listen, my friend," the pink came back, "Communists believe in our freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and individual rights so much . . . so strong . . . so passionately . . . that they passed for words."

"They are willing to die, if need be, to put an end to it," his interrogator finished for him.

The Weather

FORECAST:
North and South Carolina—Cloudy and not quite so cool Thursday and Thursday night, considerable fog and drizzle Friday morning, Friday cloudy, occasional rain and not much change in temperature.

PRECIPITATION
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 46 inches.

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

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Masses Of Morons May Menace U. S. In 2,000

By CHARLES R. McCABE
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Unless Americans breed with greater care, the United States soon after 2,000 A.D. will be "a nation of high-grade morons ruled by the few surviving clever people," according to Dr. Walter B. Pitkin.

The noted Columbia University professor and author of "Life Begins At Forty" made this pronouncement in a postscript to the recently published revised edition of "Human

Breeding and Survival" by Burch and Pendell. "Uncontrolled breeding," he wrote, favors the survival and multiplying of the least gifted.

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