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## Arabs Insist Jews Battle

### Challenge Jews To Open Battle In Grove Of Trees Following Slaying Of Arab Girl And Killing Of Others

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22.—(P)—An Arab was killed and a second was wounded in Haifa tonight shortly after the clandestine Arab organization Haryeh (Freedom) challenged the Jewish underground Stern Gang to a battle. Arab sources termed the challenge a "declaration of civil war."

The two Arabs in Haifa were struck by automatic weapon fire from a passing taxi in Al-nabiy street in the downtown section of the city. Earlier one Arab was killed and one was wounded in separate shootings by "unknown persons" in Haifa. The body of an unidentified Arab girl, who had been shot in the head, also was found near the banks of the Kishon river. Haryeh—recalling that five Arabs were slain two days ago in an orange grove near Raana-na—called on Stern Gang members to meet an Arab force in the groves there next week. The challenge, contained in posters appearing in Jerusalem, said in part:

"Our code of honor does not permit us to massacre unprotected Jewish settlers of the Negeb (an area of southern Palestine). We oppose Zionism and partition but we cannot murder neighbors, most of whom we believe are strongly opposed to the terrorists who murdered our friends and relatives at Haanaana.

"Our men will be waiting in the orange groves near Raanaana next week. We will protect our people and we will welcome an attack by the cowardly band in order that we may revenge our brothers."

Police pulled down the posters and dispersed crowds which had gathered.

Meanwhile, two members of the Arab higher executive, Shiek Hassan Abous Saud and Rafik Tamimi, met with Arab club groups in Jaffa, the largest Arab city in Palestine. Four

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## REDS, CHINESE IN NEW BATTLE

### Long Awaited Paoting Fighting Starts, Report

NANKING, Nov. 22.—(P)—A Chinese press dispatch said today the long expected battle for Paoting was on with communist attackers penetrating government defenses north of that capital of Hopeh province.

The newspaper Yi Shih Pao reported 3,000 communist troops here battling the government garrison at points only seven miles southeast of the city while a second thrust was made from the north.

Three communist regiments were in the attack from the north, the newspaper added. These troops, under Gen. Nieh Jung-Chien, were said to have broken into government positions along the railroad.

The government has been strengthening its Paoting position ever since it lost its big base at Shihkiachwang, 80 miles to the southwest. An attack has been predicted for a week.

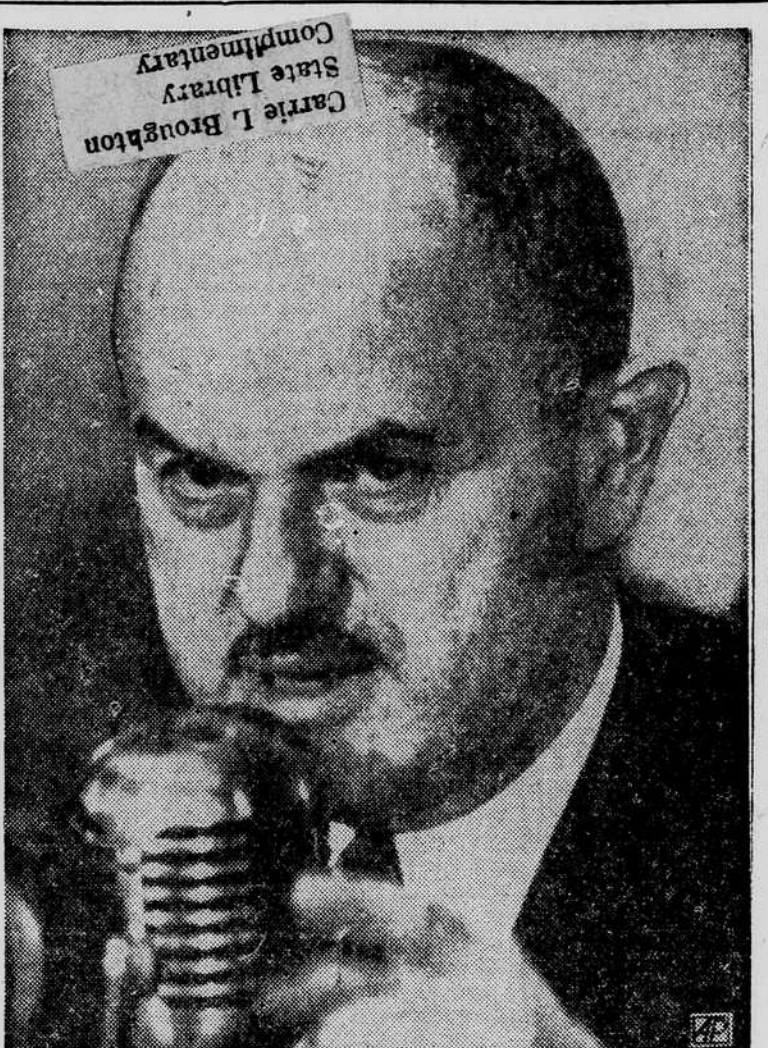
Paoting is the lower angle of a strategic triangle in Hopeh province, with Peiping at the northwest angle and Tientsin at the northeast. Paoting is about 90 miles from both cities.

## The Weather

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 a.m. today.  
TEMPERATURES  
1:30 a.m. 51; 7:30 a.m. 50; 1:30 p.m. 52; 7:30 p.m. 49.  
Minimum 49; Maximum 52.  
HUMIDITY  
1:30 a.m. 82; 7:30 a.m. 95; 1:30 p.m. 96; 7:30 p.m. 97.  
PRECIPITATION  
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 a.m.—.61 inches.  
Total since the first of the month—.64 inches.  
TIDES FOR TODAY  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)  
Wilmington 5:30 a.m. 12:21 a.m.  
5:52 p.m. 12:43 p.m.  
New Orleans 5:08 a.m. 9:53 a.m.  
3:32 p.m. 10:00 p.m.  
San Francisco 5:33 a.m. Sunset 5:05; Moonrise 2:31 p.m.; Moonset 1:47 a.m.  
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a.m. Saturday, 19.9 feet.

RALEIGH, Nov. 22.—(P)—The temperature ending 8 p.m. Saturday.  
WILMINGTON  
High 43 Low 39  
Albany 48 38  
Asheville 48 38  
Baltimore 44 42  
Buffalo 44 40  
Charlotte 46 36  
Chicago 46 36  
Cincinnati 46 36  
Cleveland 46 36  
Dallas 46 36  
Denver 46 36  
Detroit 46 36  
Houston 46 36  
Indianapolis 46 36  
Jacksonville 46 36  
Kansas City 46 36  
Los Angeles 46 36  
Memphis 46 36  
Miami 46 36  
Milwaukee 46 36  
Minneapolis 46 36  
New Orleans 46 36  
New York 46 36  
Philadelphia 46 36  
Portland 46 36  
Richmond 46 36  
San Antonio 46 36  
San Francisco 46 36  
Seattle 46 36  
Tampa 46 36  
Vicksburg 46 36  
Washington 46 36

## Meyers, A "Kiss And Tell" Witness



MAJ. GEN. BENNETT E. MEYERS testifies before the Senate War Investigating Committee at Washington in relating his "kiss and tell" story of putting his married girl friend, Mrs. Bleriot H. Lamarre, into the airplane parts business so they could be together in Dayton, O. He said he carried on the romance with Mrs. Lamarre for four years with the approval of her husband, who was installed as president of Meyers' company, known as Aviation Electric Co. AP Wirephoto!

## Atty. Gen. Clark Acts On Meyers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—(P)—The Justice Department signalled today for grand jury action against Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers after Senate investigators heard Meyers' wartime chief, General of the Army H. H. Arnold, denounce him as a "rotten apple."

Arnold also branded as "absolute falsehoods" Meyers' testimony that he had discussed some of his wartime stock transactions with Arnold, former head of the army air force.

Then the Senate War Investigating committee concluded its sensational investigation of Meyers and turned the case over to government prosecutors to pursue in the light of statutes against fraud, corruption, tax evasion and perjury.

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## Italian Labor Against Reds

### General Confederation Spokesman Denies Red Threat

ROME, Nov. 22.—(P)—Italy's wave of strikes and disorders subsided today, but Pietro Nenni, pro-communist socialist leader, warned that a nation-wide strike might be called to protest "violence against the workers."

"Drop by drop" demonstrations should be avoided, he declared, whereas a general strike "will have weight."

A spokesman for the powerful communist-led general confederation of labor threw cold water on the suggestion, however, declaring "the thought of a general strike is Nenni's, not that of the confederation."

Meanwhile, the constituent assembly approved new anti-fascist and anti-monarchist legislation, making the organization and direction of armed fascist and monarchist bands an offense punishable by three to 15 years imprisonment. A band was defined as three or more persons.

Some Christian democrats had argued against the legislation, saying there already are laws on the books against fascism.

No new disorders were reported after 10 days of leftist-inspired strikes and riots which reached from one end of Italy to the other and took 22 lives.

Workers factories committees prepared for a national meeting in Milan tomorrow, however, and a Lombardy partisan parade celebrating the saving of Italian factories from retreating German armies was to be held in Milan tomorrow also. Some quarters feared the two gatherings might provoke a fresh outburst.

## Generals Retired

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—(P)—The regular army and air force have retired 462 of their generals since 1940 for physical disability, age and similar reasons.

## Soviet Marshal Sokolovsky Blasts U.S.; CIO European Labor Meeting Demands 'Aid'

BERLIN, Nov. 22.—(P)—Soviet Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky denounced the western Allies' occupation policies in Germany in a 10,000-word attack published today, and charged United States and British authorities with promoting "intensive propaganda for a new war."

Promptly Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American commander, described the charges of Russia's chief in Germany as a misrepresentation of known facts.

The bitter Soviet blast almost on the eve of the foreign ministers conference in London apparently foreshadowed, in the opinion of many observers, another fruitless four power wrangle over the fate of Germany.

Sokolovsky's accusations, made formally before the Allied Control council yesterday, par-

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## Schuman Named Premier Of Troubled France; Big-4 Deputies Disagree

### Break Comes On The Eve Of Full Meet

#### Session Described By American As Of 'An All-Time Low'

LONDON, Nov. 22.—(P)—The four-power foreign ministers deputies ended their 13th session on preparations for the big four meeting in complete disagreement tonight.

It was uncertain whether they would meet again before the foreign ministers council assemblies Tuesday. One American informant described the 3 1/2 hour session today as "an all-time low" in the series of preliminary conferences which began Nov. 6.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov was expected to arrive tomorrow from Moscow for the main conference on Germany and Austria. French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, assuming he survives the French political crisis, will probably come on Monday.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall arrived by plane yesterday, and received an honorary doctors degree from Oxford university today.

In an address delivered to the colorfully robed audience, in

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## Col. Gillette Accepts Port Authority Post

### To Become Effective Director On The First Of January

Col. George W. Gillette, of Atlanta, Division engineer of the South Atlantic division, Corps of Engineers, has accepted the appointment of Executive Director of the North Carolina State Ports authority, R. B. Page Chairman, announced yesterday.

Col. Gillette, who will retire from the Army next month, will begin his new duties on or about Jan. 1. He will maintain headquarters in Wilmington.

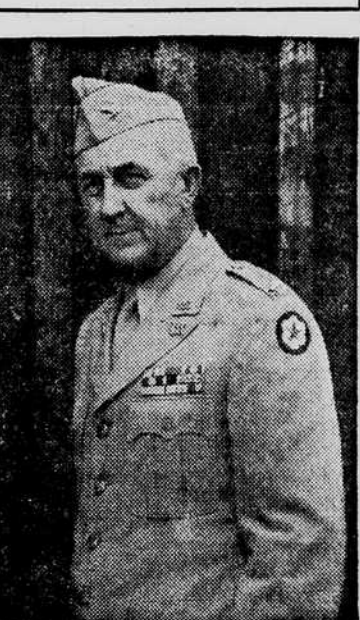
He was unanimously selected sometime ago and announced his acceptance at a meeting of the authority recently.

A native of North Carolina, Col. Gillette has served twice as head of the Wilmington district of the Corps of Engineers. Before the actual beginning of World War II, he assisted in organizing the Engineer Training center at Fort Belvoir, Va., in 1940 and later became its Executive Officer, from there he went to Boston, Mass., where he was Division engineer for the New England division during the military construction period. He later commanded the Engineer Training center at Fort Lewis, Washington, and returned to Wilmington as District engineer on Dec. 15, 1945. Here he served until going to Atlanta to become division chief on Aug. 1, 1946.

He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Society of Military Engineers.

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### Appointed



COL. G. W. GILLETTE

## GEORGE STEARNS RESIGNS CHEST

### Effective January 1; Plans Private Business Here

The resignation of George L. Stearns as executive secretary of the Community Chest organization in Wilmington was announced last night. The resignation, in a letter to H. A. Marks, chest president, is effective Jan. 1, 1948.

Stearns will enter private business in Wilmington. He has not

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## French Fear Red Uprising Due Monday

### New Premier Promises To Act 'Quickly' Against Strikes

By LOUIS NEVIN

PARIS, Nov. 22.—(P)—Robert Schumann, 61-year-old Lorraine lawyer of the moderate Popular Republican party, won parliamentary approval of his designation as premier tonight on a pledge to act "quickly" against a strike movement that is crippling France.

Schuman, who has been finance minister since 1946 and who lived in hiding among resistance forces during the German occupation, won just two-thirds of all national assembly votes after socialist Leon Blum had failed by nine votes last night to get the green light to form a government.

Needing 309 votes, he received 412 from socialists, radical-socialists, popular republicans and many rightists. Only the votes of 184 communists opposed him. The DeGaullists either voted for him or were among 21 deputies who abstained.

Schuman, appealing to the assembly for support, declared he would "defend the republic" and distinguish between the legitimate demands of labor and "the synchronized enterprises of sedition throughout Europe."

He said he expects to form a cabinet tonight to deal with the labor crisis.

Under guidance of the communist-dominated general confederation of labor, the number of strikers passed the 750,000 mark, and truckloads of mobile guardsmen armed with tommyguns moved into the city in preparation for any outbreak of disorder which some Frenchmen feared would come Monday.

A distinct uneasiness was felt in the capital as the population read in their newspapers of the discovery of four important clandestine arms depots in the past two weeks, and learned that saboteurs last night had cut telephone lines linking two forts in the outskirts of the city. A quart of concentrated tear gas was stolen from a Paris laboratory last night, police reported.

Police also said that following an explosion at the strike-bound Renault automobile factory they had arrested two communist workers on charges of manufacturing bombs there.

The Socialist newspaper Le Populaire declared, "in application of orders received in Warsaw and carrying out an orchestrated plan from Belgrade, the communist party is preparing to pass to direct action."

The nation's railroads and merchant marine were partly tied up by the growing wave of strikers which now include metallurgical and building workers, coal miners, dock workers in southern France and school teachers in the Paris region and flour millers.

Railroad service in southeast-

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## EDUCATORS PLAN MEETING IN CITY

### City And County Superintendents To Discuss Needs

Educational needs of the state are expected to command the attention of city and county school superintendents from all parts of North Carolina next month when the winter meeting of the superintendents' division of the North Carolina Education association is scheduled to meet in Wilmington, according to Supt. H. M. Roland.

The superintendents will meet here for a three-day conference which probably will deal mainly with the current survey of educational requirements being made for the General Assembly, Roland said today in making the announcement of the semi-annual meeting.

A wide response from educators indicates good attendance at the meeting, he said.

Roland declared that he did not expect the group to discuss or take any action on the suggestion that R. L. Fritz, Jr., disposed Hudson school principal, resign the presidency of the NCEA.

## SOARING PRICES RECORDED BY AP

### Food Prices Set All-Time High On Saturday

By The Associated Press  
High-soaring wholesale prices of major commodities set an all-time altitude record Saturday for the third straight day.

Higher were cocoa, corn wheat, oats and cotton. While the prices of some commodities remained unchanged, none declined.

The Associated Press wholesale price index of 35 basic staples jumped .71 of a point to 202.26. The index uses 1926 prices as 100. The 1947 low, set January 25, was 164.05.

Cotton futures closed 40 cents a bale lower to 45 higher in New York and \$1.20 a bale higher to 30 cents lower in New Orleans.

On the Chicago Board of Trade, wheat for future delivery closed 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 cents a bushel higher, December \$3.06 3/4-3.07. Corn was 3/4 to 2 cents higher, December \$2.53 1/4-2.52 3/4; oats were 3/4 to 1 1/8 higher, December \$1.24 1/8-1 1/4, and soybeans were 1 1/2-2 1/2 lower, March \$3.85 1/2-1.2.

At the Chicago stockyards, hogs ended the week 50 cents a hundred pounds higher, steers declined 50 cents to \$2, and lambs were steady to as much as \$1 lower.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported, meanwhile, that the cost of living index hit a new high in September of 1939 levels. Food prices in the index were listed at 203.5 per cent of the 1935-39 average and 10 per cent above the June, 1920 peak.

## PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Pvt. Roscoe Long To Be Interred Here Tuesday Afternoon

The remains of Pvt. Roscoe S. Long, 23, formerly of Wilmington and Supply, will be laid to rest in National Cemetery of Wilmington at three o'clock Tuesday. Pvt. Long was killed in Germany.

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will officiate with full military honors. The remains will remain at Harrell-Coble Funeral Home until the funeral hour.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Hanna Long, and sisters, Mrs. Retha Padgett, Mrs. Lillie Pridgen, all of Wilmington; Mrs. Florence Hamm, Little Rock, Ark.; Barbara Jean and Virginia Long, Supply; brothers, Guy Curtis and Junius, Supply; Carl and Jenkins, Summerville, S. C., and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long, Supply.

## Breaks Silent Vow And Dies 60 Years After Her Fiance

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 22.—(P)—For 60 years Frances Mary Rose, 81, spent every November 20 in retirement because that day in 1887 her fiance was killed in a train accident.

This year she wanted to see the royal wedding celebrations and went out. Five minutes later she was killed in a motor accident.

JIM DAVIS DEAD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—(P)—James J. (Puddler Jim) Davis, former Senator and secretary of labor in three presidential cabinets, died today. He was 74.

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