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48 Crewmen Of Army Freighter Believed Drowned In Pacific Sea; Senate May Pass Aid Bill Today

Russia Halts Accord Pleas

Western Powers, Appeal For One Big Four Agreement Fails At London

LONDON, Nov. 25 —(AP)—An appeal by the Western powers for at least one quick Big Four agreement to "assure the people of the world" failed tonight to move Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov into consenting to immediate consideration of an Austrian treaty.

The opening of the conference of Foreign Ministers in ancient, sedate Lancaster House, as described to correspondents by briefing officers, indicated that Molotov had changed his position little, if any, from the meeting last April in Moscow.

The Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, France and Russia agreed on a six point agenda, but split in the usual 3 to 1 fashion over whether Austria or Germany should get top consideration.

Molotov did agree to take up the U. S.—proposed four-power 40-year disarmament treaty against Germany — provided it was coupled with discussion of what Molotov said was the "failure" of the Western powers to carry out present demilitarization policies for the Reich.

This indicated Molotov would again raise the repeatedly denied Soviet charges made in Moscow and in the Berlin Allied Control Council by Marshal Sokolovsky that the United States and Britain were failing to disarm Germany.

The East and West came to grips over which order should be given the items in the agenda for discussion.

Agreement Near

Britain, France and the United States said agreement was near on an Austrian treaty and added that if a quick final settlement could be reached it would reassure an "anxious world."

U. S. Secretary of State Marshall said "it is very important we agree on something quickly to assure the people of the world."

The three Western ministers repeatedly stressed that they believed Germany the more important of the two problems, but asserted it was imperative that some agreements be reached in view of the many previous deadlocks in addition to the long delay on the Austrian treaty.

Molotov insisted that Germany come first as the most

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MOVIE MAGNATES TO FIRE WRITERS

Ten Men Cited For Contempt Will Be Let Go, No Commies Hired

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. — The high command of the nation's movie industry decided today to drop from its payrolls the 10 Hollywood figures cited for contempt of Congress and at the same time announced no known Communists would be hired in the future.

The action was announced by Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, after a two-day closed session attended by 50 of filmdom's top executives.

None of the 10 men, Johnston's statement said, would be rehired until "he is acquitted or has purged himself of contempt and declared under oath that he is not a Communist."

The meeting of the executives was attended by two prominent special counsel for the industry; James F. Byrnes, former secretary of state, and Paul V. Mc Nutt, former high commissioner to the Philippines.

Johnston said the members of his association "deplore the action" of the 10 men cited for contempt by the House of Representatives.

"We do not desire to prejudge their legal rights, but their actions have been a disservice to their employers and have impaired their usefulness to the industry."

The Weather

SUB FORECAST

South Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy and continued cool Wednesday and Thursday. Local frost again Wednesday night.

North Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy and continued cool Wednesday and Thursday with freezing or near freezing temperature in interior Wednesday night.

FORECAST

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

TEMPERATURES

1:30 a.m. 57; 7:30 a.m. 47; 1:30 p.m. 87; 7:30 p.m. 50.

Maximum 57; Minimum 45; Mean 51; Normal 53.

HUMIDITY

1:30 a.m. 85; 7:30 a.m. 74; 1:30 p.m. 44; 7:30 p.m. 71.

PRECIPITATON

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. 0 inches.

Total since the first of the month 5.83 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY

From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

	HIGH	LOW
Wilmington	8:02 a.m.	2:38 a.m.
	8:17 p.m.	3:16 p.m.
Masonboro Inlet	5:39 a.m.	——
	5:58 p.m.	——

Sunrise 6:55; Sunset 5:04; Moonrise —— p.m.; Moonset 4:53 a.m.

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Nurse Secretary Says Wages Substandard

Charges Exploitation Of Personnel; Warns Hospital Board They Are Not Dealing With "Servant Girls"

BY GEORGE KNUDSON
Star Staff Writer

The executive secretary of the North Carolina Nurses association, Mrs. Marie B. Noell, said last night that employment conditions for trained nurses at James Walker Hospital here were "very substandard."

In addition, Mrs. Noell said that it is up to the people of Wilmington whether or not they will [illegible] the hospital board of directors meet with a representative of the employed at the [illegible] a conference on wages and conditions.

"It is not possible to say

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State Library Charlie L. Broughton

Motorists May Be Asked To Cut Pleasure Drives

CAT RATTLES

DENVER, Nov. 25—(AP)—Ben Banchor was right — his automobie was making noises like a cat.

After he drove into a filling station and voiced this complaint, an attendant found a Persian cat huddled on a shock absorber,

The attendant held on to the cat while Banchor drove off.

Move Would Be Part Of Voluntary Fuel Conservation Program

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25—(U.P.) — An administration spokesman said today that motorists will be asked shortly to curtail pleasure driving as part of a voluntary fuel conservation program. At the same time he petitioned Congress for authority to enforce rationing and price controls on oil and coal if voluntary measures fail to head off a threatened winter shortage.

The government's plan for coping with the fuel crisis was revealed to the House Banking committee by Undersecretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

He said the department soon will announced a voluntary oil-make it unnecessary to revive rationing.

But he said the administration should be armed with mandatory powers if the program should fail.

He said the coal and oil situations are "explosive in the present inflationary atmosphere" and that "a disturbance in either field could create serious supply and price problems."

Should Help

"The mere authorization of stringent controls should help to deter if not to avoid such disturbances," he added.

He testified that supply and demand for coal is "just about in balance," but that demand for oil is running ahead of supplies.

He said the voluntary program now being prepared would try to fill the requirements of oil consumers in the order of their urgency, with pleasure motoring at the bottom of the list.

The order of "urgency" would be as follows:

1—Armed forces and governmental needs.

2—Public utilities.

3—Homes which can not use other fuel.

4—Essential agricultural purposes.

5—Oil burning and gasoline-consuming industries, and transportation equipment.

6—Pleasure driving, which, Chapman said, "is an essential

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GRAND JURY GETS MEYERS EVIDENCE

Portly General Faces Possible Life Imprisonment If Convicted

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 — (U.P.) — The government took its case against Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers before a federal grand jury today. It asked his indictment on the first of a series of criminal charges that could put the retired procurement officer in prison for the rest of his life.

In addition, Meyers, whom Gen .Dwight D. Eisenhour stripper of his decorations and pensions, faces court martial for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Federal justice was set in motion against the portly general by U. S. Attorney George M. Fay, who began parading prosecution witnesses before the grand jurors at mid-day barely 72 hours after the close of the sensational Senate investigation that started government agents on Meyers' trail.

The nature of the indictment sought was technically a secret pending final action by the grand jury. But the Justice Department made it plain that it count bill alleging perjury and was asking initially for a two-subornation of perjury.

Conviction on both counts would make Meyers liable to a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and fines of $10,000.

Meyers also was accused of trying to persuade two of the witnesses to lie to the subcommittee to cover up his role in the firm's affairs. This is known as subornation of perjury.

DONALDSON NAMED TO CABINET SPOT

President Appoints Ex-Postman As Successor To Robert Hannegan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 —(AP) —Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan resigned today to head the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball club and President Truman named an ex-postman to take his place in the cabinet.

The appointment went to 26-year old Jesse M. Donaldson, first assistant postmaster general, who has had 42 years in the postal service. It was a surprise appointment, even to Donaldson, who was called to the White House and told of his elevation only a short time before the President's public announcement.

It marked the first time a President has reached into the ranks of postal "career men" to fill the boss-job in the department.

ONE MAN KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED

South Carolinian's Car Plunges Into Rear Of Wood-Laden Truck

One man was fatally injured and another was expected to die at any moment at James Walker Memorial hospital at a late hour last night after an accident which sad the car in which they were riding plunge into the rear of a truck loaded with cord wood.

Claude Turner, 36, Route 2, Dillon, S. C., died at 10:20 last night at James Walker of internal bleeding, doctors reported. He had sustained lacerations of the face and head and a crushed chest.

D. W. McQueen, 42, Route 2, Dillon, was in a critical condition and death was declared imminent at midnight. He was "literally scalped," according to Highway Patrolman J. L. Flowers, who investigated the accident.

In addition to having his scalp laid back so that cracks in the top of his skull were visible, McQueen had his face "mangl-

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Fair Weather Promised For Thanksgiving Day

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 — —The Weather Bureau tonight issued the following nation-wide forecast for Thanksgiving Day:

"Fair weather will prevail on Thanksgiving Day in the Southern two-thirds of the United States except near the coast of the Western Gulf states where occasional rain is expected.

"Mostly cloudy weather will be rather general over the Northern third of the country with scattered snow flurries in the mountains of New England and scattered light snow or snow flurries over the upper Ohio Valley, the Great Lake area, Minnesota, and the Dakotas.

"A few snow flurries will occur in the Northern Rocky Mountains and rain is expected in sections of Oregon and Washington state.

"It will be mild in most sections of the far Western and southwestern states, rather cold in the North Central and Northeastern states, and cool in the South Central and South Eastern states except warm over Florida."

New War Warning Features Debate

Stop-Gap Measures Gather Snowballing Support In Chamber

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. — (U.P.)—Stop-gap aid to hard-pressed Western Europe gathered snowballing support in the Senate today and leaders of both parties hoped for an overwhelming approval of the $597,000,000 meassure by tomorrow night.

The second day of debate on emergency relief for France, Italy and Austria brought grim warnings from both Republican and Democratic Senators that the alternative might be Communist domination of all Europe, and possibly World War III.

In the House, where debate on stop-gap aid is expected to begin next week, Rep. Christian E. Herter, R., Mass., introduced a bill to set up an independent government corporation, with a bi-partisan eight man board of directors, to administer foreign aid.

The new agency, to be known as the "Emergency Foreign Reconstruction Corporation" ,would be chartered to function until Jan. 1, 1954 and apparently is primarily intended for the long-range Marshall plan rather than emergency aid, which would be handled by existing agencies under the Senate Bill.

Taber Critical

No organized opposition to the interim aid bill had appeared, but a fast-growing body of Congressmen sharply criticized the administration for permitting continued shipments of U. S. machinery to Soviet-bloc countries. Chairman John Taber, R., N. Y., of the House Appropriations committee charged in a speech prepared for floor delivery that the State Department's "appeasement of Russia" is reflected in some clause of the aid bill.

Sen. H. Alexander Smith, R., N. J., urged speedy passage of the relief bill "to buy time until we can set up a long-range plan for Europe's economic rehabilitation."

"If emergency aid is not given France, Italy and Austria, they will be engulfed by Communism," he told the Senate. "Greece and Turkey will go Communist and Great Britain will be isolated.

"The only result I could see from that situation would be World Was III."

Plea By Connally

Sen. Tom Connally of Texas, ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations committee, said the United States "cannot shun the responsibilities that go with tremendous power and prestige."

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FETE FOR ROTARY-ANNS—Members of the local Rotary club entertained their ladies in a supper at the Plantation club last night in lieu of their regular Tuesday afternoon luncheon session; and District Governor Leon M. Gibson (standing) of Fayetteville, added to the entertainment with a humorous speech. Seated next to Gibson is Mrs. H. A. Marks. Others in the picture are President John Nuckton and Mrs. Nuckton. (Staff Photo by Maynard)

Fun, Frolic Features Ladies' Night Meeting Of Rotarians

President Nuckton Almost Dispenses With Guest Speaker Gibson

With all features of a regular program being dispensed with by President John Nuckton of the local Rotary club at the Plantation club last night, District Governor Leon M. Gibson entertained the Rotarians and Rotariannes with humorous stories.

Fun and frolic was the keynote of the evening as the Rotarians entertained their ladies in a substitute for a regular meeting of the club. The regular annual formal ladies night program will be held in February.

Following the fried chicken dinner, President Nuckton arose to announce that the club was dispensing with the regular features such as introduction of guests, vocational talks by members, etc. The president then sat down but arose immediately to apologize for forgetting Gibson, "who has been sitting here beside me and whom I've been talking with all evening."

Most of the remainder of the Rotarians program was taken up with group singing of songs and the playing of games by the

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JAYCEES TAKE IN 13 NEW MEMBERS

Largest Class Ever Inducted Gets Welcome From Hal Love

One of the largest classes ever inducted, comprising 13 new members, was welcomed into membership in the Wilmington Juniory Chamber of Commerce at the dinner meeting in the Friendly last night.

Ed Gilmore and Ed Godwin, vice presidents of the Jaycees, inducted the new members. They were welcomed into the club by President Hal Love.

iBilly Broadfoot, chairman of the Christmas Seal drive to secure funds for the New Hanover county Tuberculosis association, reported that the Jaycee division of the drive was doing as well as could be expected considering the handicap of the late start caused by the drawn out Community Chest drive.

The Jaycees volunteered to supply the male characters for a 30-minute radio historical play to be produced Thursday night on Radio Station WGNI. Stanley Rehder, chairman of the scrap

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DEER HUNTS MAN

FORT ATKINSON, Wis., Nov. 25 — (AP) — Right in the midst of Wisconsin's deer hunting season it happened — a buck chased a hunter.

Walter Schroeder, 17, was hunting rabbits with a single shot .22 rifle. He thought the large animal running towards him was a neighbor's Great Dane dog — until he saw the horns. Walter ran home. The deer followed.

Walter's mother said their house dog chased the buck back into the woods.

HOLY LAND SPLIT GAINS APPROVAL

Committee By 25 To 13 Vote Sends Proposal To General Assembly

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Nov. 25 —(U.P.)—A centuries-old campaign for a Jewish homeand in Palestine won approval of a United Nations committee today and headed for a final ballot in the UN General Assembly tomorrow with the outcome hinging on a single vote.

The UN Palestine committee, composed of all UN members, voted 25 to 13 to partition the Holy Land into Jewish and Arab states. This was one vote short

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DARKNESS FOR HILTON

Benson To Save Christmas Tree Lighting For Santa

The 3,000-odd multi-colored electric lights on Wilmington's and the world's largest living Christmas tree in Hilton Park will be turned on for the first time on Christmas Eve, City Manager James R. Benson said last night, adding that "I have heard no discussion to the contrary.

"I've never heard of anyone having a Christmas tree for the children before Christmas Eve night," the city manager said, in explaining that the community Christmas tree is "not a commercial activity, it's a Santa Claus idea . . . The Christmas street lights are more of a commercial activity," he added.

The question as to when the lights on the tree would be turned on for the first time was put to Benson last night following published reports yesterday that the Chamber of Commerce, Southeastern North Carolina Beach association and local civic groups were planning to ask city officials to light the tree early in December.

Officials of these organizations pointed out that the tree would be an excellent drawing card for thousands of visitors who would come to

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Along The Cape Fear

NAVAL RESERVES—Members of the U. S. Naval Reserve corps will meet every Thursday night in their new armory on Burnette avenue, according to Lt. Henry Bost, commander of the local unit. The members will wear their uniforms to the meeting and will draw a day's pay for the two hours of drill or other exercises to be scheduled.

Veterans of World War II comprise the bulk of the reserve here but some of the reservists are not veterans. V-6 members of the reserve do not draw compensation for their participation in the reserve meetings. In case they are called to active duty in a national emergency, members of the reserve immediately assume duty status as though they had already been in the Navy.

GREENFIELD LAKE — The thousands who know Greenfield Lake as a gem of nature when the Azaleas bloom in the spring are not all aware that in autumn the palette of colors of the turning leaves lend enchantment to the picturesque body of water.

The stately cypresses are garlanded with Spanish moss in a regal attire that adds splendor to one of North Carolina's best known parks.

Water lillies contrive to bring the freshness of bloom usually associated with spring at a season of the year when nature customarily lies dormant. The five-mile shoreline of the lake is criss-crossed with paths and dotted with tables and benches for the convenience of fall picnickers. Trout, perch, blackfish, and other denizens of the lake invite the autumn angler to try his skill on the quiet waters. No motor boats are allowed to disturb the fish or the fishermen. Canoeing and boating are pleasant diversions on the warm, sunny days of Eastern North Carolina's fall and winter.

TRUMAN TO FREE MAYOR OF BOSTON

President Will Sign Commutation For James M. Curly Today

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. —(AP) — President Truman is expected to sign a commutation tomorrow for Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, who is serving a six to 18 months federal mail fraud sentence.

High ranking Justice Department sources told a reporter the commutation is designed to release the mayor and former Democratic Congressman from Massachusetts in time for him to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

Mr. Truman talked today with Attorney General Clark about the clemency for Curley who began serving his term last June in the federal correctional institution at Danbury, Conn.

CAROLINA BEACH GETS ROAD CASH

Government Commission Sells $84,000 Worth Of Bonds To Local Firm

The city of Carolina Beach secured funds to proceed with their municipal improvement program of street construction, water and sewer improvements, through the sale of $84,000 worth of bonds by the government commission at Raleigh, according to an Associated Press dispatch Tuesday.

Forty-four thousand dollars of water and street bonds with an average maturity of 12.3 years, and $40,000 worth of one year street improvement bonds were purchased by Allen C. Ewing and Company. The water and sewer bonds bear interest at the rate of 3.748 per cent, and the street improvement bonds have an interest rate of 3.493 per cent.

In addition to laying extensive water mains and sewers, the Carolina Beach improvement program embraces paving the principal throughfares not already paved at the Beach.

Tel Avivians Celebrate Vote On Palestine Split

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 —(AP)— People, old and young, danced in the streets of Tel Aviv, world's largest all Jewish city, tonight when radios announced the U. N. committee vote on the proposed partition of Palestine.

Spontaneous demonstrations started all over the city, with everyone, it seemed, joining in the Horra (national dance) and with bands of young people leading in singing the Hatkva (national song).

Strangers kissed and cried and shouted.

David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency in Palestine, warned of difficulties to be overcome before statehood may be realized.

"After 80 generations it seems we may have a Jewish state again," he told a conference of Palestine leaders. "We still have no certainty that all will be well. Our decision actually will be taken here during the next eight or nine months."

Stricken Vessel Breaks In Half

Clarksdale Victory Hits Rock Off Loney Island; Three Survive

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Nov. 25. — (U.P.) — The Army freighter Clarksdale Victory broke in half in 50-foot waves off the rocky coast of British Columbia today and the Coast Guard said it was feared that all but three of the 51 crewmen aboard had drowned.

Lt. Cmdr. O. D. Weed, commanding officer of the Coast Guard Air detachment at Annette Island, flew over the disaster scene and reported by radio to Seattle that "it appears" that three men clinging to the forepeak were the only crewmen who didn't go "down with the ship."

"I can't see how the rest of the crewmen could possibly have survived," he told the United Press in a radio-phone interview.

Weed was in a Grumman amphibian plane, one of several circling low over the stricken ship that tore into underwater rocks off the Southwest beach of lonely Hippa Island 140 miles South of here during fog and mist last night.

Seas Crash Ship

Throughout the night and early day, huge 50-foot combers crashed into the Clarksdale Victory and kept one rescue vessel standing by helpless, unable to lower boats and risk the lives of other men in the treacherous, rock-studded waters even after the freighter broke in two.

Weed's plane and the surface rescue vessel Denali sighted only the bow section of the ship. What happened to the after-section was not known.

It might have been torn off its rocky roost and tossed into deep water, the Denali radioed.

The Clarksdale Victory, commanded by Capt. Gerald R. Laugesen, Oakland, Calif., went on the reef about 10 p. m. PST

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FRITZ WILL GET AN EARLY TRIAL

Caldwell County Board Moves To Secure Special Court For Case

LENOIR, Nov. 25 —(AP)— Caldwell county officials moved today to give an early trial to R. L. Fritz, Jr., former Hudson school principal, who was formally charged yesterday with obtaining money under false pretenses.

By a vote of 2 to 1, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution requesting Governor Cherry to order a special term of court for December 15 to take up the Fritz case.

Chariman Walter T. Carpenter and Mark Goforth favored the resolution while Pink L. Poovey opposed it. Poovey explained his stand by saying an extra term would cost the county additional money.

Carpenter and Goforth said an extra term would probably be necessary because of the crowded docket of the current term. They added, however, that the special term could be cancelled if it turned out that the trial could be held at the regular term.

Meantime at Raleigh, Governor Cherry authorized Attorney General Harry McMullan to engage two private prosecutors to assist in conduct of the case. Solicitor James C. Farthing was reported to have suggested that W. H. Strickland and B. F. Williams, both of Caldwell county, be named.

Fritz, president of the North Carolina Education Association, was indicted yesterday for alleged padding of school payrolls. The amount involved, $1,600, was repaid by Fritz, who said he had probably made a mistake.

Later, the State Board of Education revoked his teaching certificate.

And So To Bed

A young lady had finished her mid-afternoon drink and turned to leave the counter of a downtown refreshment bar. Obviously in a hurry, she turned away from the counter, walked a couple of steps and headed into what she thought was the exit.

"Oh!" she exclaimed to a friend, "I always take this for the doorway."

It was the nearby telephone booth. Actually, her drink had been a Coke.