

Wilmington and vicinity: Cloudy and cool with rain today and tonight; Thursday clearing and cool.

### Russia Turns France Down

In Angry Mood, Moscow Breaks Off Trade Negotiations, Pact

PARIS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Soviet government, angered by French "hostility" toward Russian citizens, today broke off trade negotiations with France and cancelled the two-year-old repatriation treaty between the two countries.

The Soviet Embassy released copies of a note which was handed to the French chargé d'affaires in Moscow, accusing France of its "hostile" attitude toward the (Franco-Soviet) Alliance and announcing that a French trade mission had been refused permission to enter the Soviet Union.

The note also stated that the French repatriation mission in Russia had been ordered to get out of the country and that the corresponding Soviet party in France had been recalled as a result of France's "arbitrary proceedings in unilaterally annulling the repatriation agreement."

The rupture in relations was specifically intended to avenge two features of the recent French crack-down on Russian citizens—the military raid Nov. 14 on the Soviet repatriation camp at Beauregard and the deportation of 25 of 19 members of the "Union of Soviet citizens in France."

Both actions were linked more or less directly to the French government's campaign against the Communist-led campaign of strike violence and sabotage which has crippled France's economic system in recent weeks.

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### JOHNSON FAVORS AID TO SCHOOLS

Gubernatorial Candidate Says State Should Contribute Funds

ZEBULON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson in an address to a farm bureau meeting here tonight advocated state aid to counties in the construction of school buildings.

Johnson, who is seeking the democratic nomination for governor, said that the school building problem "should be viewed at this time as an unprecedented emergency and that the state should give some aid to buildings in order to equalize the opportunities of the children of the state."

"In many of the rural sections school facilities are grossly inadequate and in many instances buildings are badly overcrowded," Johnson said. "Many of these communities are without great wealth and have a hard time financing repair and expansion of these school facilities. Up to now, the state has never made any contribution by way of capital outlay to the building of public schools."

The issue of state aid to the counties in the erection of school buildings was debated at length during the 1947 General Assembly. At least two bills were introduced providing for state appropriations to aid the counties, but both were defeated.

### The Weather

**SUB FORECAST**  
Sun. Wed.-day ending Wednesday night followed by clearing and continued cool Thursday.  
Mon. Thursday ending Wednesday night followed by clearing and cool Thursday followed by rain North-East portion Thursday morning.

**TEMPERATURES**  
For the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday  
1.06 a. m. 61, 7:30 a. m. 48, 1:30 p. m. 56, 7:30 p. m. 52.  
Maximum 61, Minimum 46, Mean 53, Normal 56.  
**HUMIDITY**  
1:30 a. m. 85, 7:30 a. m. 64, 1:30 p. m. 56, 7:30 p. m. 64.  
**PRECIPITATION**  
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.0 inches.  
Total since the first of the month 9.0 inches.

**TIDES FOR TODAY**  
Wilmington 7:25 a. m. 1:50 a. m.  
Masonboro Inlet 7:40 p. m. 2:24 p. m.  
6:14 p. m.  
Sunrise 7:07, Sunset 5:03, Moonrise 8:17 a. m., Moonset 3:45 p. m.  
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m. Tuesday, 10.0 feet.  
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13 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS

### British "Seal Off" Palestine War Area

Troops With "Shoot To Kill" Orders Move Into Blood-Stained Border Battle Ground Of Tel Aviv-Jaffa

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9.—(AP)—British troops with "shoot to kill" orders were moved into the blood-stained border area between Tel Aviv and Jaffa tonight in a move to end aggression on the battlefield where Arabs and Jews have waged their fiercest fighting in 10 days of Palestine communal warfare.

Acting desperately to stamp out the disorders that have claimed 112 lives, injured approximately 600 persons and destroyed property with an estimated worth of \$10,000,000, British authorities placed a dusk-to-dawn curfew on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa "no man's land" and sealed it off with British troops.

Palestine police were being used for patrols inside the area, where four Jews were killed today, and soldiers formed lines along the border. The order put

20,000 Jews and Arabs under house arrest from 5 p. m. to 6 a. m. until further notice.

The curfew order said persons found violating the curfew were "liable to be fired upon by security forces."

The nightly curfew continued in the mixed areas of Haifa, where a British soldier, three Jews and three Arabs were killed today, and in the riot-wrecked sections of Jerusalem.

British troops also will line trouble spots along the Jerusalem-Jaffa highway and the road will be opened to all traffic.

Counting at least 124 killed in Aden and four in Syria, the Associated Press tally of dead throughout the Middle East since the United Nations decision to partition Palestine mounted to 240.

### Charlotte Cracks Down On "Small-Fry" Leggers

NURSE'S MEETING

A meeting of graduate nurses of James Walker Memorial hospital with Daniel H. Penton, president of the board of managers of the institution, was called yesterday afternoon for this morning at 10 o'clock to discuss salaries and working conditions.

In announcing the session, Penton issued the following statement: "I request that the graduate nurses employed in this institution meet with me at 10 a. m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the Staff room. This meeting is for the purpose of discussing salaries and working conditions."

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### COMMITTEE GETS PRICES PROGRAM

Administration Places Truman Plans Into Concrete Proposals

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The administration put President Truman's anti-inflation program into concrete legislative proposals for the first time today and laid before Congress a bill which would give the government broad powers to ration food and fuel.

The measure also would authorize the government to allocate iron and steel to the "most essential users"; to control inventories of scarce materials, and to continue export control until March 31, 1950.

Under questioning by a Senate subcommittee, a Commerce Department spokesman said the terms were broad enough to permit the government to buy up entire farm crops at fixed prices.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., announced meanwhile that Senate

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### COURT MAY RULE ON CLOSED SHOP

Decision On Constitutionality Of State Law Expected Today

RALEIGH, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A decision on constitutionality of the state's law banning the closed shop may be handed down by the State Supreme Court tomorrow.

### City, County, ABC Officers Arrest 56 Persons In Raids

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Fifty-six persons were arrested today by Alcoholic Beverage Control officers in what they described as probably the biggest concentrated liquor raid ever staged in North Carolina.

Chairman Frank K. Sims, Jr., of the Mecklenburg ABC board said that more than 135 warrants had been signed against the alleged law violators.

Working with the ABC staff were city and county police and special investigators of the State ABC headquarters.

The raids were made, Sims said, on undercover evidence gathered by special investigators since the legal liquor stores were opened in Mecklenburg county in September.

"The people of Charlotte in voting for liquor control gave us a mandate to stamp out illicit liquor activities," Sims said. "This is an answer to that mandate. We intend to fight fire with fire. By that I mean we will combat bootlegging with every means at our disposal."

Small-Time Operators  
Authorities described the suspects as "small-time" operators, who sold after ABC stores had closed for the night, and on Sundays.

Most of the liquor originally came from ABC stores, Chief Henry C. Severs of the ABC staff said, although some had been found from South Carolina stores and from Maryland.

With the exception of three arrests made late Sunday, the raids started about 6 o'clock this morning. The raiding parties

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### INDIA, PAKISTAN REACH AGREEMENT

Solution Of Remaining Problems Near At Hand, Patel Says

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhai Patel told the Indian Constituent Assembly today that India and Pakistan had reached agreement on all outstanding issues resulting from partition of India into two independent dominions.

He indicated also that other sore points which developed between the dominions after partition were being eliminated, including the dispute over the invasion of Kashmir state by Moslem tribes from Pakistan's Northwest frontier province.

Patel said the major issues on which settlement was reached included division of cash balances as of Aug. 14, 1947; ratio for division of excess of liabilities over assets before partition; manner in which Pakistan is to discharge its share of India's public debt; division of sterling balances from England, and division of military stores and ordnance plants.

## School Breaks Strike In France; As Nation Hovers Near Disaster; House Vote Puts Truman On Spot

### President Must Ease Price Rise

Members Hear Approval Of Amendment To Stop-Gap Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The House voted with a roar of approval tonight to make President Truman responsible for easing the impact of foreign aid on U. S. prices and supplies.

The House action came as government officials told a reporter that \$1,700,000,000 has been trimmed from previous administration estimates of the cost of financing European recovery over a four-year period.

To its \$590,000,000 bill authorizing stop-gap aid until the four-year "Marshall Plan" can start working, the House added an amendment directing the President to make the regulations governing foreign relief buying, so as to:

- 1—Reduce the drain on commodities scarce in this country; and
- 2—Cushion the effect of the foreign purchases to prevent U. S. prices from being forced up.

Officials connected with the "Marshall Plan" which is expected to be presented to Congress this week, said meanwhile that the latest estimate of its cost is between \$1,700,000,000 and \$1,800,000,000 for the four years.

Secretary of State Marshall put the range at \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000 less than a month ago.

The officials said the cut was decided upon by a top-rank inter-departmental committee after intensive checking of Europe's requirements and available aid in the U. S. and elsewhere.

In the House, foreign aid supporters beat back a 145 to 107 standing vote a move to ban

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### ROTARIANS HEAR GOVERNOR GIBSON

District Official Calls On Club To Meet Delinquency Challenge

District Governor Leon Gibson, of Fayetteville, yesterday told local Rotarians of the challenges facing the local club and the 18th district during the coming year.

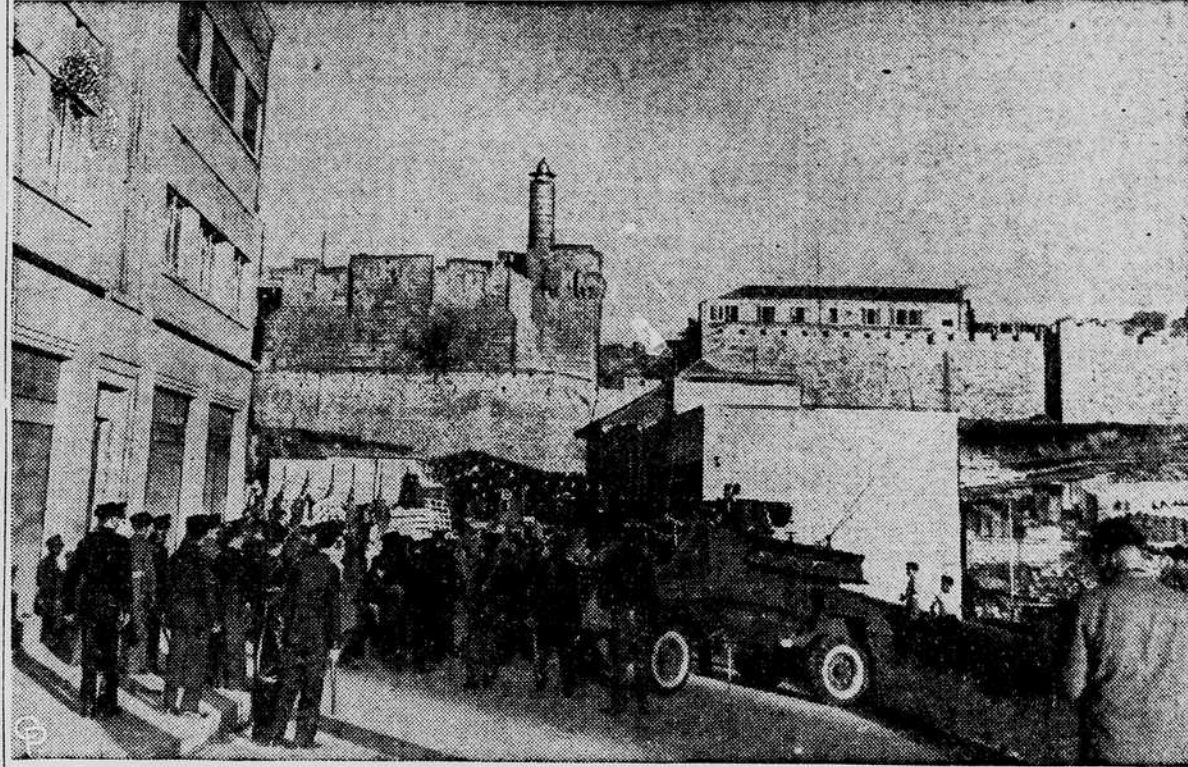
Pointing out that "the great challenge to you is for your service, your deeds, not for your dollars," Gibson said that juvenile delinquency "is a great challenge today. . . It is time for some such organizations such as Rotary to meet this challenge."

Gibson said that "as long as there is need for slum clearance, playgrounds, help for crippled children, aid for blind persons, vocational education and guidance in the schools, there's a need for a Rotary club in Wilmington."

"We know what to do in Rotary, gentlemen, it's up to us to put it into action," he added. Only two per cent of the citizens of any community feel any responsibility to the community beyond that of paying taxes. You members of this Rotary club are of that two per cent."

He pointed out also that "one of the aims of this administration is to see that every Rotarian is well informed on Rotary—its aims and purposes." He suggested that each new member inducted into the local

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AS CROWDS OF ARABS seek to swarm through a walled gateway, police-manned armored cars are shown halting them at the boundary of the Jewish quarter in Jerusalem, Palestine, in an effort to bring an end to bloodshed and looting. Similar blockades were set up in other sections as the new curfew rules became effective throughout the Holy City. In the background rises the historic Tower of David.

### Thousands Expected To View Freedom Train Exhibit Today

HOW TO REACH FREEDOM TRAIN

The Freedom Train will be located today at the North Carolina shipyard on the Atlantic Coast Line track extension. The hours for the public to visit the train are from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

To get to the train by bus, residents in suburban Wilmington will take regular buses to downtown Wilmington and transfer to the bus marked "Shipyard" at Front and Princess streets. Sight-seers can also use the Maffitt Village bus, walking a few blocks to the train.

By auto, the traffic routes will be from downtown Wilmington along S. Front street to the shipyard, or by Third street, to Southern Boulevard.

### EISENHOWER PLANS TO TAKE COLUMBIA POSITION ON JUNE 7

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will assume his new post as president of Columbia University on June 7, the university trustees announced today.

Frederick Coykendall, Chairman of the trustees, said that Eisenhower plans to come to New York about May 1 and will move into the president's house at 60 Morningside Drive at that time.

Columbia has been under the direction of Acting President Dr. Frank D. Fackenthal since the retirement of the late Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler in 1945.

Seven thousand persons paid final tribute today to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler at funeral services conducted on the campus of Columbia University which he headed for 44 years.

Among the 1,000 persons crowding St. Paul's chapel, where Butler had asked that his funeral be held, were Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, president-elect of the University, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Bernard M. Baruch.

Another 1,000 heard the simple Episcopal service in the Memorial Library, near the

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### Along The Cape Fear

ADMIRALS — Rocking Chair variety—Modern yachtsmen detest the term "Rocking Chair Admiral" for to them it carries the connotation of old men who sit on the veranda of the yacht club and talk of by-gone days and by-gone races.

### Reds Order Union Workers On Jobs

Communist Leaders Admit Failure Of Month-Long Walk-Out

PARIS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Communist-controlled General Confederation of Labor (CGT) tonight ordered nearly 1,000,000 workers still on strike to return to their jobs tomorrow, apparently ending the month-long strike war on the government which brought France to the brink of disaster.

The order was issued less than 24 hours after Communist leaders had called upon workers to "fight to victory" and as security forces mustered to crush a new wave of sabotage and intimidation of non-Communist workers.

It strengthened immeasurably the position of Premier Robert Schuman's Centrist government. Political experts credited Schuman with bringing the strike wave and said he undoubtedly had postponed, perhaps for months, the return to power of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

Admit Failure  
The back-to-work order was contained in a bitter statement issued jointly by the CGT executive and the national strike committee. It admitted that the strike had failed and said it was because union funds were running low.

It congratulated workers for the "hard battle against the government, which did not hesitate before any means and ordered its police to fire on strikers."

News of the CGT order was made public as the cabinet reportedly was considering requisitioning the northern coal fields where Communist "flying command" squads beat up many anti-Communist miners who joined a general movement back to the pits.

Ten thousand troops, supported by tanks, took over the mines from Communist strikers yesterday, but they reported today that thousands of miners still were being intimidated by the "Commandos."

Secretary of State Pierre A. Beaulieu told newsmen the govern-

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### WAA MAN DENIES RIZLEY CHARGES

Machinery Will Not Be Shipped To Russia, Official Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Chairman Ross Rizley claimed today that his House subcommittee had blocked a \$20,000,000 shipment of war material to Russia, but the War Assets Administration promptly denied it.

The Oklahoma Republican told reporters that committee investigators found equipment already crated and addressed to the Soviet Union, in surplus property depots in New York and Chicago.

He said the subcommittee, advised of a similar shipment at the Chicago depot, has assigned investigators to a "dozen or more" other warehouses and may hold public hearings.

A War Assets spokesman said the material originally was consigned to Russia under Lend-Lease and had been crated and tagged by manufacturers during the war. When the Lend-Lease agreement was ended, he said, it was turned over to War Assets for disposal and began arriving at warehouses last August. There was no intention of shipping it to Russia, he added.

Will Be Sold  
He said the material will be offered for sale in this country as soon as it can be classified and priced.

When informed of this, Rizley said he was still convinced that his subcommittee "blocked the shipment of this machinery to Russia," but whatever the case,

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### Doctors Directs Rescue Squad To Save Himself

And So To Bed

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(AP)—When fire department rescue squad No. 6 came to the rescue of a physician stricken with a heart attack, it carried out his orders for saving himself.

Dr. Ray M. Fouts, 60, told the squad when it arrived at his office, "by my symptoms I know I have a coronary (heart) condition. I need oxygen. I will direct your work."

Dr. Fouts informed the firemen he had given himself an injection when the attack started. Then he lay down on his examining table and directed the squad's work for two hours, when he said his condition was better and dismissed the firemen.

Lt. Edmund J. Wall of the rescue squad said, "he held the oxygen tube to his mouth and nose himself. From the start we took his orders. Who doesn't when it's a doctor? He was the most unusual, coolest man I ever met."

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### PEANUT GROWERS FAVOR CONTROLS

Over 90 Per Cent Majority Recorded In North Carolina

RALEIGH, Dec. 9.—(AP)—North Carolina peanut growers voted overwhelmingly today in favor of a crop control program for the years 1948, 1949, and 1950, according to returns compiled here tonight.

Officials of the Production and Marketing Administration who were compiling returns reported that in 30 of 44 peanut growing counties in North Carolina 12,069 voted in favor of the control program and only 898 voted against, a percentage in favor of the program of approximately 93.1.

SOUTH CAROLINA GIVES CONTROL BIG MAJORITY  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The first state—South Carolina—reporting results in today's referendum on continuation

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### DERAILMENT CAUSES EAST-WEST TIE-UP ON SAL RAILROAD

LUMBERTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Eight freight cars laden with fertilizer were derailed one mile East of Lumberton before dawn today and tied up East-West traffic on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. No one was injured.

Division Superintendent John White of Atlanta and trainmaster J. B. Durham of Monroe arrived at mid-morning to direct work of re-opening the line. The derailed cars were part of freight train No. 79, colloquially known as the "Oil Train," which operates between Wilmington and Hamlet. T. E. Freeman of Hamlet was engineer and Henry Liles of Hamlet the fireman.

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### STRIKE IN ROME DELAYED REDS

Italian Government Ignores Latest Demands By Communists

ROME, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The general strike threatening Rome at midnight tonight was averted temporarily today when Communist labor leaders, faced with government rejection of their ultimatum, set back the deadline for at least 24 hours.

A spokesman for the Communist-controlled Rome Chamber of Labor said a general strike will not be called until after an executive session of labor chiefs at 3 p. m. (9 a. m. EST) tomorrow, even if the government continued its refusal to meet labor's demands by midnight (6 p. m. EST) tonight.