

FORECAST:

WILMINGTON and vicinity: Mostly cloudy and cool with light drizzle in morning today, followed by light rain continued cool tonight; Friday, rainy and cool.

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U.S. Warns Russians To End German Loot

Marshall Demands That Soviet Quit Grab Of Reparations From Productions By December 31; Asks Answer Now

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall demanded in the Big Four foreign ministers conference today that Russia stop grabbing reparations from current German industrial production by midnight Dec. 31.

Warning that Russia was attempting to wreck German economy and drag all Europe to a state of milk and honey, Marshall said that the United States and Great Britain are pouring \$700,000,000 a year into their zones, Marshall formally proposed:

"From Jan. 1, 1948, no thing shall be taken out of Germany except for a fair economic value in money or goods which can be immediately used to sustain German economy.

"This decision shall stand until further action by the Council (of foreign ministers) or pursuant to a peace treaty."

Marshall said that if the Big Four could not act immediately—and favorably—on the proposal which he described as of "immediate vital significance," then "we are wasting our time where there is no time to waste."

He demanded that the Russia Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov give the Big Four a "positive answer" and said he wanted it "now."

But Molotov flatly refused to discuss the reparations question until other German economic problems had been cleared.

Molotov's attitude, including his refusal to tell what Russia is doing behind the iron curtain obscuring her occupation zone.

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Arab-Jewish Death Toll In Middle East Now 245

LITTLE ASSEMBLY CONVENES JAN. 5

Secretary-General Lie Of UN Makes Announcement Of Meeting

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—The newly created United Nations Little Assembly, at Lake Success, N. Y., which Russia and her satellites have threatened to boycott, will hold its first meeting Jan. 5, UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie announced today.

Lie said he had sent official notice of the opening date to all 57 UN members, since neither Russia nor any of the five UN members in her orbit—Ukraine, Byelo-Russia, Yugoslavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia—has accepted the UN officially that will carry through the boycott.

The new organ was proposed by the United States and approved at the recent General Assembly session as a means of short-circuiting the Soviet veto and bolstering the UN as a whole. It will debate world problems during a test period between now and the convening.

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SLASH IN POTATO PRODUCTION OFF

Person Cancels Scheduled Reduction In North Carolina

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson announced today cancellation of a scheduled reduction in 1948 potato production goals in seven Eastern states and West Texas.

The commercial early potato states are South Carolina, New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the Long Island section of New York.

Anderson said that Dec. 1 the eight states were notified that they should produce more.

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The Weather

SUB FORECAST
SOUTH CAROLINA—Cloudy and cool with occasional light rain, occurring mostly over South portion Thursday following 6:30 p. m. and continued cool Thursday night and Friday.

NORTH CAROLINA—Mostly cloudy and cool Thursday with light drizzle in early morning, followed by light rain and continued cool Thursday night and Friday.

Metropolitan data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. Yesterday

1:30 a. m.	40	7:30 a. m.	30	1:30 p. m.	37
4:30 p. m.	37	7:30 p. m.	37	Maximum	63
Minimum	41	Mean	52	Normal	56

HUMIDITY
1:30 a. m. 82 7:30 a. m. 100 1:30 p. m. 109 7:30 p. m. 97

PRECIPITATION
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .92 inches.

Total since the First of the Month .42 inches.

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

Wilmington 6:55 a. m.	3.26 a. m.
9:15 p. m.	4.33 p. m.
Wilmington Inlet 6:25 a. m.	12:23 a. m.
9:07 p. m.	1:06 p. m.
Spartanburg 7:50 a. m.	5:03 p. m.
6:16 a. m.	4:23 p. m.

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12 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Army C-54 Transport With 29 Men Aboard Crashes, Burns On Sub-Arctic Wasteland; Rome, Italy Crippled By General Strike

Efforts To Avoid "Walk-Out" Fail

Communist-Controlled Unionists, 50,000 Strong To Leave Jobs

ROME, Thursday, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Bus and street car service halted early today when Rome's first general strike in 26 years got underway despite futile government-union negotiations which extended nearly two hours beyond the midnight strike deadline.

The Communist-controlled Rome Chamber of Labor ordered the strike of more than 500,000 workers, even though union officials discussed a compromise offer from Premier Alcide De Gasperi's government until 1:45 A. M.—105 minutes after the strike officially began.

A government spokesman said negotiations would be resumed at 11 A. M. (5 A. M. EST) and "we hope to settle the strike by noon." But labor officials indicated that the strike would continue for at least one day regardless of the negotiations.

How successful the strike would be was a question mark. Transportation workers quit almost immediately after the midnight deadline, but it would be mid-morning before the total effectiveness could be assessed.

Strike Denounced
Officials of the minority Christian Democratic Union—the labor segment of the premier's governing party—denounced the strike as a "Communist imposition" and appealed to its members to work.

Communist leaders said they would post shop committees in all plants to prevent any back-to-work movement. They also warned the city's two largest evening newspapers, *Giornale D'Italia* and *Giornale Della Sera*—both politically independent—that they would be "suppressed."

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DECISION UPHOLDS ASSEMBLY ACTION

Supreme Court Says Legislature May Favor War Veterans

RALEIGH, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—The State Supreme Court today upheld the right of the General Assembly to pass legislation conferring special privileges upon war veterans "who have fought in defense of their country and in the preservation of its institutions."

The court's ruling came as it upheld constitutionality of a law of the 1947 General Assembly which permits war veterans with three years of experience to obtain licenses to barber without taking an examination from the State Board of Barber Examiners.

Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell wrote for the court: "From the beginning of civilization and before written constitutions were conceived, nations and governments have recognized and obligated to those who have fought in the armed forces in defense of their country and in the preservation of its institutions."

Public Concern
"The rehabilitation of the returned soldier is a matter of public concern throughout the nation. . . . Justice Seawell continued. "Practically all states in the union . . . have given veterans preferential treatment in many instances of a more discriminatory character than the privilege conferred by the challenged statute."

Constitutionality of the law was challenged by W. E. Motley of Raleigh, operator of a barber shop, and Willie Cox and R. D. Ellington who secured a temporary order restraining

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Along The Cape Fear

High-Priced Barbecue, Filing Fees Hit Boyd

RALEIGH, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Now the pigs sell for \$18 to \$20, with top quality at \$25 to \$28, which was fine for his career as a hog rancher but hard on his political aspirations. Noting that the filing fee had also gone up to \$150, Boyd complained that candidates would run through their allotted campaign funds in a hurry.

He forecast that barbecue pigs—and those destined for pork chops and sausage—would grow scarcer because reduced tobacco acreage would turn more farms to livestock raising. They would save their pigs for breeding stock, he said.

Nurses Flatly Reject Hospital Board's Latest Offer Of Terms For Settlement

COURT OVERHAUL URGED BY HELMS

Charlotte Attorney Addresses Meeting Of New Hanover Bar

Calling for the overhauling of the North Carolina Superior court system, Fred B. Helms, immediate past president of the State Bar association and prominent Charlotte attorney, declared here last night that "rotation of judges is one of the biggest millstones around the necks of lawyers."

To stop Communism and all the other "isms," "we must make Americanism work better," Helms said, adding that "we can't do it permanently by guns or by other methods." He spoke at the quarterly meeting of the New Hanover Bar association at the Cape Fear club.

Stating that making Americanism work to a large extent is the responsibility of lawyers, Helms said that "if we don't make law work effectively in its practice in America, then this democracy of ours is going by the boards, and the law must be made to work by lawyers."

Attacking the present judicial set-up in the State, Helms said, "Law in North Carolina today cannot be administered properly with machinery for administration that is 100 years old. The public has lost confidence in our businesslike administration of the law. We have antiquated machinery to work with."

"We stand or fall in North Carolina on the efficiency of our Superior court system," he said. "That system is woefully antiquated and woefully inefficient. No matter how efficiently our bar operates, you can't operate efficiently under machinery that's 100 years old."

Court Wait

Pointing out that much of the business formerly handled in the court is being settled outside through arbitration (he estimated this at 90 per cent), he said that businessmen are finding themselves unable to wait for court procedure in settling their disputes and problems.

The businessmen are estimating their losses in time and fees, he said, and settling their cases without recourse to courts.

Suggesting that time could be saved and efficiency stepped up by having the judges assigned to their home districts permanently.

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MILITARY FLIERS DITCH TRANSPORT

North Carolina Among Crew Which Parachuted To Safety

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Four members of the U. S. Military attaché's office at Baghdad, Iraq, flying from Rome, became lost last night over Western Turkey, ditched their C-47 military transport plane and parachuted to safety.

Their fuel supply was almost gone.

Lt. Col. James F. Coward, of Erwin, Tenn., air attaché at Baghdad, was piloting the plane. He said tonight that his radio was blacked out by weather and, seeing the situation, was grave, ordered the craft ditched after setting it on the automatic pilot.

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Along The Cape Fear

DAYS OF SAILING—Yesterday Along The Cape Fear began the first of a series of articles about sailing and the Carolina Yacht club. This morning we continue with the story.

If by chance you happen to meet one of the older members of the Carolina Yacht club, which by the way, is the second oldest club on the Atlantic coast, he will probably tell you about the races between the La Favorite, purchased in 1855 by Richard Brantley, and the Jennie Q. sleek craft of Parker Quince. This was a memorable race, the rocking chair Admirals will tell you. Of course none of them saw the race, but all have heard the story from their grandfathers and fathers.

Those were the days of sailing, the Admirals will tell you. There weren't any moth boats in which the youngsters could learn to sail safely and alone. There weren't any spinakers or Genoa jibs or any fancy paraphernalia but it was the time of sailing.

GOVERNOR ASKS CONCILIATION SERVICE AID IN JWH DISPUTE

RALEIGH, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Governor Cherry today requested the Conciliation Service of the State Department of Labor to "make its facilities available" in the dispute between nurses and the James Walker Memorial hospital of Wilmington over working conditions.

After the hospital had refused last week to recognize the State Nurses Association as bargaining agent for the nurses, some 38 of the hospital's nurses handed in their resignations to become effective on Dec. 18.

The governor expressed the hope "that the Conciliation Service can be of assistance in ironing out the difficulties at the Wilmington institution."

House Rejects Efforts To Slash Aid Bill Funds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—The House rejected decisively tonight all efforts to slash its \$500,000,000 bill authorizing emergency aid to France, Italy, Austria and China, and final approval of the bill in substantially its present form appeared likely to come tomorrow.

Representatives voted down 147 to 97, an amendment by Rep. Lawrence H. Smith (R-Wis.) which would have trimmed the aid figure to \$500,000,000 a proposed \$300,000,000 cut was rejected by an even wider margin, 171 to 78.

But the House also turned down an amendment, sponsored by Rep. Merrow (R-NH), which would have raised the total to \$661,000,000 so as to give the three European countries as much help as the Senate has authorized and to add some \$60,000,000 for China.

The vote against Merrow's proposal was 165 to 24. It followed a last-ditch fight against the entire relief program by Republican and some Democratic opponents.

Rep. Jonkman (R-Mich) declared "there is no excuse for this bill" and Rep. Short (R-Mo) backed him up with a slashing speech, telling the House: "Instead of bleeding ourselves white, which is what Russia wants, we might better spend the money to build up our own defenses."

Urging that the relief sum be increased, Merrow said: "If we keep on cutting, we might as well pick up our playthings and pull out of Europe. Then we can sit down and wait for the first atomic bomb."

The chamber recessed in the afternoon.

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NINE HOSPITALS WILL GET FUNDS

Federal Cash Assured For Proposed Project In North Carolina

WASHINGTON BUREAU WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Federal funds are assured to cover one-third of the cost of building nine North Carolina hospitals, with a total estimated expense of \$6,284,250, the Public Health Service said today.

The nine hospitals, which will have 535 beds, will be constructed under the Hill-Burton act, which authorizes the federal government to underwrite one-third of the cost while the remaining two-thirds will be shared by the state and local communities.

Several other applications from North Carolina probably will be considered.

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Soviet "Secret Weapon" To Thaw Out Speakers

KILL DEVIL HILL, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Russian-born Igor Sikorsky, inventor of the helicopter, can toast the 44th anniversary of delight next Wednesday with a slug of Premier Joseph Stalin's vodka, Alpheus W. Drinkwater said today.

The colorful aircraft designer will speak at the towering shaft which caps the hill where the Wright brothers flew their first plane, while a mass flight of helicopters spins overhead.

To get into the spirit of things, Drinkwater, program chairman of the Kill Devil Hill Memorial Assn., will have his treasured

Answer To Proposal Dispatched To J. W. H. Chairman Dan Penton

The staff nurses of James Walker Memorial hospital here last night flatly rejected the hospital board's latest offer of terms in the controversy over working conditions at the institution.

The nurses dispatched the following letter to Dan Penton, chairman of the hospital's board of managers, last night:

"The James Walker staff nurses find the working conditions outlined in the latest offer of the Board of Managers indicate a shift of the managers' opinion in the proper direction. But since this proposition makes no attempt to get to the root of the misunderstanding, we find it completely unacceptable.

"The latest terms offer salaries and working conditions undeniably generous compared to those now in force at James Walker. This fact inescapably points to but one conclusion: it is a public admission that until now the nurses at James Walker hospital have been exploited.

"Notice that these terms definitely are not offered in the form of a contract. The staff is not anxious to settle this controversy on any 'here today—gone tomorrow' basis.

"Even more fundamental is the refusal to recognize the nurses association and our right to bargain collectively. We request that recently proposed working conditions by their comparative generosity compel the conclusion that James Walker nurses currently are being exploited.

"The refusal of the board of managers even to recognize the association and to allow the staff to bargain collectively—as is a basic human right—compels the alarming conclusion that the board seeks to continue to exploit the nurses in the future.

"For this reason 36 staff nurses are unanimous in their decision to resign from the hospital."

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THOUSANDS VIEW FREEDOM TRAIN

Dozens Of Buses Bring Hundreds Of Visitors To City For Occasion

The Freedom Train pulled out of its berth at the shipyard here last night and headed for South Carolina where it will show its cargo of precious documents after exhibiting them here yesterday to an estimated 15,000 rain-soaked spectators.

Buses and automobiles loaded with school children and adults began to converge on the city shortly after daylight yesterday morning, and a long line had formed at the train's entrance door before the 10 o'clock visiting hour rolled around.

The train was thrown open to newspaper reporters and city officials at 9 a. m. When they had passed through the cars, it was then opened to the general public on a first come, first served basis.

City buses did a landslide business during the day hauling city residents to the shipyard, and cars from throughout the southeastern section of the state jammed parking facilities at the yard.

The train contained documents priceless in valuation—symbols of American heritage from the time of the founding of this nation through the last world war.

It contained the secret message of General Jonathan Wainwright notifying the high command of the imminent surrender of Cor-

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Helicopter Will Aid Rescue Task

Royal Canadian Fliers Assisting American A. T. C. Detail

WESTOVER, Mass., Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—An Army transport plane using a helicopter landed at Goose Bay, Labrador, tonight, but officials said they would wait for daybreak to continue the search for survivors of a C-54 that crashed and burned with 29 persons aboard.

Crew members working at the Royal Canadian Air Force field at Goose Bay worked with the American rescue fliers to a semicircle the helicopter which is scheduled to take off at 7:00 a. m. tomorrow.

Meanwhile, ground crew carrying food, clothing and medical supplies, battled through dense growths of scrub pine and over rocky slopes to reach the isolated sub-Arctic wasteland where the plane crashed shortly before midnight last night.

However, the Army public relations officer at Westover field, an Air Transport command center, said the last message from the ground units said they probably would make camp for the night on the north bank of Goose Bay river and continue on at dawn.

19 Passengers
Army officials said the persons aboard the downed plane had been identified as 17 crew members and 19 passengers and that telegrams had been sent their next of kin listing them as "missing."

Because the crash occurred on foreign soil, the Army spokesman said, the names of those aboard the plane would not be made public for 48 hours under a wartime ruling still in effect.

R. C. A. F. planes made repeated flights over the area hoping to spot some indication of life on the ground below, but they reported no movement and no camp fire in the vicinity of the downed plane.

One radio message intercepted

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CHORUSES PLEASE LARGE AUDIENCE

Benefit Concert For Catherine Kennedy Fund Proves Success

The Atlantic Coast Line Male and Women's choruses gave so fine a performance in Handel's Hallelujah chorus last night that Wilmington ought, in all seriousness, to organize an orchestra to accompany this splendid group of vocalists in this and other masterpieces.

Surely, since the railroad's office staffs have made such great progress, careful search among other employees would uncover enough instrumentalists to form a little symphony orchestra. What a contribution the Coast Line could make to the cultural development of this community by sponsoring it.

Last night's concert before an audience that packed the high school auditorium marked the premiere of the Women's chorus which, besides sharing the success of the Hallelujah chorus, was also heard in two groups of songs to excellent advantage.

The male chorus, revived last year after disbanding when World War II came, also sang two groups, and the male ensemble one. Time forbids full discussion of the separate numbers. Suffice to say all showed marked improvement over last year's initial concert, given for the benefit of the Grace church rebuilding fund.

Soloists Charm
The two soloists, Emerson Head and J. E. Rose, Jr., boys

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And So To Bed

Two young ladies told the editors of And So To Bed, and there are several editors of this little column, the other night they would like to know who wrote the tid-bits, "Why?" the two editors asked in unison.

"Well," the stocky brunette said, "my brother had his name in one of them several months ago."

The editors blushed and wondered what they had written about the girl's brother.

"He liked it so much," she continued, "he cut it out, framed it and placed it upon his dresser."

The editors still don't know what the And So To Bed was all about.