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WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Cloudy and cool with possible rain this afternoon and night; Tuesday cloudy and cool with occasional rain.

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U.S. Answers Soviet Blast

Marshall Says America, Britain Haven't Got Penny From Germany

LONDON, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall told Russia tonight that neither the United States nor Britain has pocketed "one penny" from the sale of German exports, and appealed anew for big power cooperation in reviving Germany's economy and foreign trade.

This was Marshall's answer to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's angry charge Friday of Anglo-American profiteering at Germany's expense.

The answer was issued midway in a weekend cooling-off period in deliberations of the Big Four Foreign Ministers Council.

In an atmosphere made tense by the knowledge their decisions will shape Europe's economic future for years to come, the diplomatic chiefs will resume their deadlocked discussions tomorrow.

An American challenge for a Russian accounting of Soviet reparations removals still stands as the immediate issue.

Five points in a formal statement distributed in advance of tomorrow's meeting to the Russian, British and French delegations, Marshall put the American case on record. He made these points:

The United States "long ago proposed a moratorium" — without success — on acquisition of foreign ownership or control of property in Germany.

It attempted in vain to obtain "factual statements" on the changes in foreign ownership in each of the zones of occupation.

It has scrupulously carried out in its own zone the moratorium it proposed.

There has not been a single case of American acquisition of property in Germany.

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BANDIT HOLDS UP RAIL PASSENGERS

Three Judges Among Victims Of Negro On Chicago-Bound Train

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. — (AP) — G-Men, police and railroad agents searched today for a bandit who boarded a New York Central train on Chicago's South side last night and held up 14 persons, including three judges, before the train pulled into its downtown depot.

The bandit, a young Negro, obtained about \$1,500 in cash and a quantity of jewelry as the Buffalo-to-Chicago train the "Interstate Express," moved slowly from the Englewood station at 63rd street toward the LaSalle Street station. He jumped off and fled as the train approached the downtown district.

He threatened to shoot some of his victims, including the judges, but he fired only one shot into a wall during the hold-up.

When he boarded the train he waved a nickel-plated revolver at H. E. Grice, a porter, and said "this is a stickup." He handed Grice a shopping bag and ordered him to "start collecting money."

Grice collapsed on a seat and the bandit proceeded without help to hold up passengers in the last Pullman car, including a group returning from convention of the National Law Institute at South Bend, Ind.

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Emergency Aid Bill Faces Drastic Cut

House Appropriations Sub-Group Reported To Have Reached Tentative Agreement For Slash Of 50 To 100 Millions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Emergency aid for Europe faced the prospect today of another slash of \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 or more before it passes Congress.

This possibility arose as an influential sub-group of the House Appropriations committee was reported today to have reached a tentative decision reducing the \$597,000,000 measure — with its work unfinished and subject to change.

The preliminary agreement was said to be this:

1. Removal of China from the bill.
2. A cut of \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000.

Duck Hunting Trip Ends In Death Of Local Men

"ICE" METERS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Parking problems have grown at this city 100 miles south of the Arctic circle.

Parking meters, guaranteed to operate at temperatures down to 35 degrees below zero, will be installed as soon as possible.

"When it gets colder than that, our parking problems are somewhat diminished," City Manager Louis D. Kelsey said.

STANLEY BALDWIN TAKEN BY DEATH

Man Who Broke King Edward VIII, Dies In Sleep At Stourport

LONDON, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Earl Baldwin, 80, the Briton who broke one king and made another, died in his sleep during the night at his home in Stourport, Worcestershire, it was announced today.

As Stanley Baldwin he served his country three times as prime minister, but nothing in his long political career approached the decision he and another man forced upon Edward VIII, now the Duke of Windsor, in December, 1936.

Baldwin and the late Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, told King Edward that he had only this choice — abdication or renunciation of Wallis Warfield Simpson, Edward chose abdication and married the twice divorced American George VI, Britain's present monarch, then succeeded to the throne.

Baldwin's death came 11 years after the abdication of King Edward. For two weeks before that event, Baldwin, a friend of Edward, had worked night and day behind the scenes.

Then on Dec. 10, 1936, he stood

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O'CONNOR NAMES POSTER CHILD

Mississippi Boy Will Be Featured In March Of Dimes Drive

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Terry Tullos, 3-year-old golden-haired polio victim who lives at Laurel, Miss., will be the poster child for the 1948 March of Dimes campaign for funds to fight poliomyelitis, it was announced today by Basil O'Connor, president of the National

Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, youngest child ever chosen for the March of Dimes poster, will symbolize the thousands of persons stricken with polio.

The appeal for funds will be made Jan. 15 to 30 and O'Connor said \$30,000,000 would be needed next year as a result of the increase in polio cases during the last five years.

The child, stricken with polio in 1945 before he learned to walk, is expected to regain full use of his legs. He is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Tullos.

French Children To Get Friendship Train Food

PARIS, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Friendship Train donations will feed 320,000 needy French school children a major portion of one warm meal per day during the coldest part of this winter.

Aders of the four American relief agencies to distribute the cargo aboard the U. S. Lines' Amc can Leader, expected at Le Havre Tuesday, said the manifest arriving today revealed there are 3,200 metric tons of wheat, flour, macaroni, spaghetti, dried

beans, pea, and tinned food aboard.

Divided among children in public and private schools were noon lunches are served, this allows 10 kilograms, or about 22 pounds per child. The food will be distributed in eight war torn areas where school cafeterias find it difficult to make rations go around.

It is believed now that another 500 tons aboard a second ship will be distributed among the

House Republicans Set To Force Own Anti-Inflation Bill Passage; Arabs Mow Down Jewish Refugees

Fourteen Killed On Tel Aviv Road

British-Trained Jordan Soldiers Fire In To Convey

JERUSALEM, Palestine, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Fourteen Jews were killed today when the British-trained Arab Legion opened fire on a truck convoy of Jewish refugees traveling from Tel Aviv to the settlement of Ben Shemen, official reports said.

Nine Jews and two British soldiers were said to have been injured in the clash. One of the Jews later died.

An official version said eight of the Jews were wounded when Arab snipers along the route fired on the trucks. When the convoy drew abreast of an Arab Legion encampment Jews in one of the trucks hurled grenades into the camp. The Legionnaires "in self defense" blasted away at the convoy, killing 12.

Another Jew, walking along the highway, was killed by a stray bullet. The death toll rose to 14 when one of the injured died.

British troops were not involved in the fight, but two soldiers were wounded as they tried to aid the injured Jews.

The violence followed a massacre of Arabs yesterday by Jewish dynamiters. The official 24-hour casualty toll prior to today's clash showed 28 dead — 24 Arabs, three Jews and one British soldier — and 111 injured, including 103 Arabs, two Jews, five British soldiers and policemen and one "local policeman."

Since the first of the month, 190 persons — including 93 Arabs and 84 Jews — have been killed, 174 seriously injured and 361 slightly hurt.

Twelve of the Jews killed today were victims of the battle between the Arab Legion and a police convoy bound from Tel Aviv to Ben Shemen. The thirteenth was killed in a battle on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

An Arab attempt early today to loot the Palestine police arms depot at Ramleh was only partly successful. Troops of Britain's crack Coldstream Guards captured 10 of the three trucks used by the Arabs, after an interchange of shots in which one British soldier was wounded.

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MURDER SUSPECT IN POLICE TOILS

Alleged "Trigger Man" Of Gangland Killing Orgy Surrenders

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. — (AP) — James Morelli, 20, identified by a "pal" as one of the trigger men in a week end killing spree in which four persons were slain and two wounded seriously, surrendered at police headquarters today.

Morelli, who had been sought since the gangland slaying late Friday night and Saturday, was turned over to police by his attorney, Roland Libonati, and taken immediately to the detective bureau for questioning.

Denies Killing Morelli denied that he had killed anyone and said he had fired only one wild shot — and that one accidentally — during a skirmish when the first victim was killed Friday night. He said he went along on the killing rampage only because he was "scared" of the gang leader, Thomas Daley, 42.

Morelli's surrender completed the roundup of the three hoodlums sought for the slayings. Daley was shot and killed by police early Saturday. Lowell Fentress, a scrawny, 19-year-old gunman, was captured at his home shortly after the killings, which police described as "the worst orgy of gang killing since the St. Valentine's Day massacre of 1929."

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JW Nurses Agree To Defer Date Of Their Resignations

With the 36 resigning nurses of the James Walker Memorial hospital staff agreeing to defer the effective date of their resignations from Wednesday until the conclusion of negotiations, both the nurses and management of the hospital expressed confidence last night that an agreement in the dispute will be reached.

In a joint statement issued by representatives of the nurses and the hospital after their first conference together, they declared that "we feel greatly encouraged by the progress of this first conference and believe that substantial headway has been made toward a mutually satisfactory and permanent understanding."

This was the first optimistic note in the dispute between the hospital nurses and management since the nurses turned down a 12-point program offered by the board of managers last Wednesday on the grounds that it did not include contracts and recognition of their rights of collective bargaining.

The proffered wage increases and betterment of working conditions, including more free hospitalization and a promise of a 44-hour work week, were looked upon with favor by the nurses.

In their statement last night both sides promised that there will be other conferences between the nurses and hospital management in the near future. Meanwhile, the State's labor conciliatory service, asked by Governor Gregg Cherry to help settle the situation, was scheduled to arrive in the city tomorrow to meet with the two factions.

The full statement issued by the representatives of the two groups following their meeting last night follows:

"Representatives of the hospital nursing staff and the board of managers have engaged in a most cordial and satisfactory conference discussing at some length mutual problems at issue during recent weeks. We feel greatly encouraged by the progress of this first conference and believe that substantial headway

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ARABS TO FIGHT FOR PALESTINE

One Hundred Thousand Stage Wild Demonstration At Cairo

CAIRO, Dec. 14. — (AP) — One hundred thousand shouting, fist-clenching Arab demonstrators held a mass meeting today and cheered wildly as their leaders pledged to fight until Palestine has been united into an independent Arab state.

The seething mob of Egyptians plus Moslems from the seven Arab states, and from Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Turkey and Afghanistan marched through Cairo from Alazhar University to the continental Savoy Hotel terrace to demonstrate against partition of the Holy Land and in support of Palestine Arabs.

Catholics, Orthodox Egyptians and Coptic priests marched beside the Moslems in the parade which at one time extended for

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RUSSIA TO ISSUE INFLATION CASH

New Currency Will Be Exchanged On One For Ten Ruble Basis

MOSCOW, Dec. 14. — (AP) — The Soviet Union announced tonight it would begin issue of new currency on Tuesday and simultaneously abandon all food rationing in a program to combat inflation.

The announcement was made to the nation by the Moscow Radio in a decree of the Council of Ministers (Cabinet) and the Communist party. It was signed by Prime Minister Stalin and Andrei Zhdanov of the Communist party central committee.

The action by the Soviet government was the first admission that post-war inflation had affected the controlled Russian economy. It followed by 10 days the statement in Washington by Undersecretary of State Robert Lovell that something "in the nature of panic buying" had hit Russia over rumors of devaluation of the Ruble.

Ten For One The decree for currency reform provides that Rubles brought to banks for conversion will be exchanged at the rate of

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WIRE UNIONISTS MAP STRIKE PLAN

Date Of Nation-Wide Walk-Out Will Be Announced Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Plans for a nationwide strike of Western Union employees at the height of the Christmas season were developed today by leaders of three AFL unions which threaten to quit over wages.

Local and regional chiefs of the AFL's Commercial Telegraphers Union, Telegraph Employees Union, and Telegraph Workers Union gathered at a strategy meeting here on the eve of completion of a cross-country strike ballot.

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Martin Predicts Final Vote Today

Halleck Charges Administration Plays Politics With Prices

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. — (AP) — Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said tonight the Republican-backed "voluntary" anti-inflation substitute President Truman's stand-by price-wage and rationing program will pass the house tomorrow with votes to spare.

Meanwhile, House Republicans leader Halleck, of Indiana, said in a statement that the Truman administration is not as interesting in bringing down prices as it is in "playing politics with the subject."

If the G.O.P. bill fails of passage, he said, Democrats "will have to take the responsibility for detaching all legislation at the special session.

And in the widening economic breach between the White House and the Republican majority on capital hill, Senator O'Mahoney fired back an accusation that the GOP has offered the country a "big business" and "pro-monopoly" rather than an anti-inflation bill.

Meanwhile, House Republicans tentatively scheduled a "this or nothing" procedure for their substitute program.

Under this "take it or leave it" maneuver a motion would be made to suspend the House rules to bar amendments to the G. O. P. bill, introduced by Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.), and debate would be limited to 40 minutes. This requires a two-thirds vote and Republicans are counting on support of Southern Democrats to swing the tally, if this maneuver is adopted.

House Democratic Leader Rayburn, of Texas, cried "outrageous" and "strongarm" against such a procedure.

Martin said Republican strategy will not be inally decided until tomorrow morning.

He emphasized to a reporter that the Wolcott bill, which includes authority for the President to suspend anti-trust laws where industries get together on cost-of-living agreements, "is only a part of the Republican program," he added:

"But it's about all we can do at the special session. We will tackle the rest when we get back in January."

FRITZ CASE GETS UNDERWAY TODAY

Trial Of NCEA President Will Open In Caldwell Superior Court

LENIOR, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Another chapter in the months-long Fritz case will unfold in Caldwell County Superior court here tomorrow.

The state charges that R.L. Fritz, Jr., president of the North Carolina Education Association, obtained some \$1,600 from the State Board of Education under false pretense.

The charge was first made unofficially during the summer. Fritz said the money was used to relieve an acute teacher shortage in the Hudson school district near Lenoir, where he was principal last year.

The State Board of Education ordered a hearing in the case late in the summer and revoked Fritz's teaching certificate. Fritz repaid the money and said he had to borrow to do it.

His fellow teachers rallied to the cause throughout the state, demanding a rehearing of the case, and his reinstatement. Fritz considered court action to force the board to return him to good standing.

The board met again, decided

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And So To Bed

A couple of grandparents went to visit their son and daughter yesterday afternoon in the southern part of the city.

When they arrived at the son and daughter's home, their little grandson met them at the front door crying.

"What in the world are you crying about?" they anxiously asked the boy.

Between sobs he blurted out that his mother and dad were in the garage, and had been for an hour and wouldn't let him come out there.

When the grandfather and grandmother investigated, they found their son and daughter playing with the boy's Christmas present: an electric train.

The Weather

SOUTH CAROLINA—Cloudy and continued cool with occasional rain Monday and Tuesday.

NORTH CAROLINA—Cloudy and cool Monday and Tuesday; occasional rain Monday night and Tuesday, and overcast and South portions Monday afternoon.

Metereological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 a.m. Yesterday:

Temperatures: 7:30 a.m. 3:01 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 47; 7:30 p.m. 42; Maximum 56; Minimum 30; Mean 40; Normal 42.

Humidity: 7:30 a.m. 58; 7:30 a.m. 88; 1:30 p.m. 54; 7:30 p.m. 35.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 a.m. 0.0 inches.

Total since the first of the month — 2.4 inches.

Tides For Tomorrow (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

High Low

Wilmington — 11:49 a.m.; 6:22 a.m.

— p.m. 7:04 p.m.

Marionboro Inlet — 9:28 a.m.; 3:01 a.m.

— p.m. 9:34 p.m.; 3:48 p.m.

Sunrise 7:10; Sunset 5:04; Moonrise 8:54 a.m.; Moonset 7:45 p.m.

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