

# Marshall Commences Negotiations To Unify German Western Zones; U.S. Senate Gets Anti-Inflation Bill

## Diplomatic War Will Be Bitter

### Bidault Reported Ready To Merge French With U. S., Britain

LONDON, Dec. 16. — (AP) — Secretary of State George C. Marshall opened negotiations tonight to unify the three Western occupation zones in Germany.

Making the first move in the bitterest diplomatic battle since the war as the result of the break-up in failure of the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference, Marshall started unification talks with French Foreign Minister George Bidault at a private dinner at the French Embassy.

Hours earlier, Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov and his Big Four delegation had slipped silently away in two special planes bound for Moscow, to report to the Kremlin on the break between East and West.

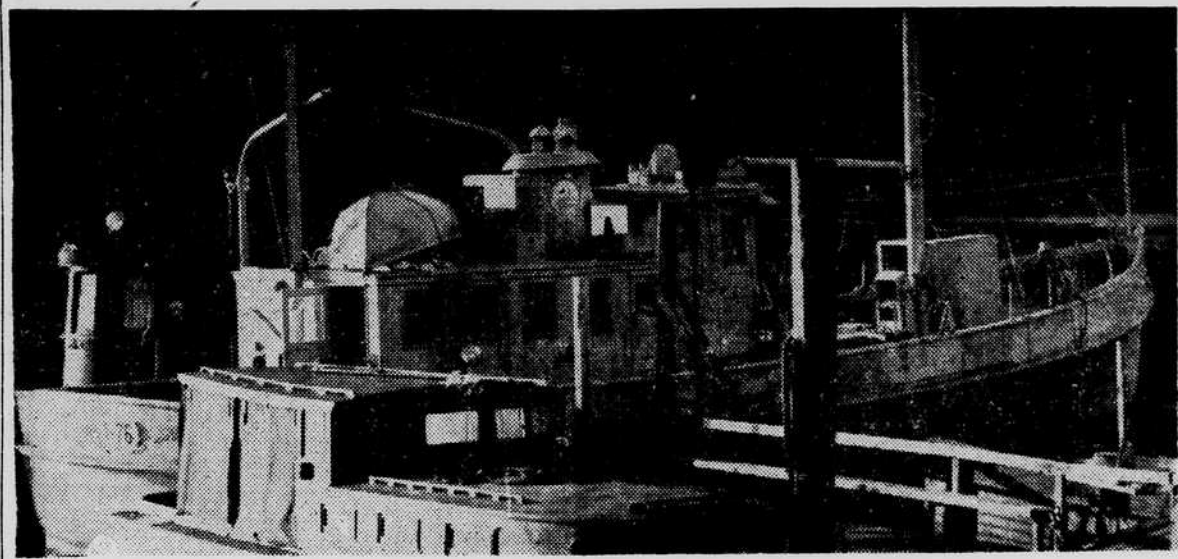
As he left American, British and French diplomatic quarters said that the Council of Foreign Ministers probably never will meet again as it is now constituted.

They believe that future Big Four talks will be held on the diplomatic level—among specially appointed deputies—and that the Foreign Ministers will not meet themselves until a firm groundwork has been laid for agreement on German and Austrian treaties.

**New Developments**

Developments in the first day of an intensified cold war, in which Russia was expected to go all out to wreck the Marshall Plan for the recovery of Europe, included:

1. — Marshall, realizing the gravity of the diplomatic fight now developing, sternly forbade his delegates to discuss the moves which the Western allies make in Western Germany.
2. — It was reported that Marshall and his colleagues decided finally that the three Western zones in Germany must now be



NEW FIRE BOAT—Pictured above is the city's "new" fire boat, which arrived at her berth at the foot of Grace street Sunday afternoon. After she has been overhauled, she will replace the Atlantic in the city's fire-fighting brigade.

## New Fire Boat Shows Wear, Tear Of Hard Life, Reporter "Finds"

## Russia To Furnish Army Aid To China Communists

HONG KONG, Dec. 16. — (AP) — The newspaper Wahkiu Yat Pao reported today that Russia had agreed to furnish military and economic aid, including the training and equipping of 11 army divisions, to the Chinese Communists to hasten formation of the "New Republic of China."

The usually reliable newspaper said that a six-point agreement covering long-term relations between the "Republic" and the Soviet Union, had been concluded by Chinese and Russian representatives in Moscow last month.

(A well-informed source in Shanghai said that there was no way of checking the accuracy of the Hong Kong report "until Russia makes a formal announcement, or until there is a report broadcast by the Chinese Communist radio.")

"Russia has never acted openly to help the Chinese Communists," this source said. "If this report is true, the situation is more serious than most people throughout the world realize."

Wahkiu Yat Pao said that the Sino-Soviet agreement provided for:

1. A priority to Russia in the exploitation of mineral resources,

## \$13,500 "Buy" Turns Up With Shedding Paint, Rotted Planking

BY ROY COOK  
Star Staff Writer

A "new" \$13,500 fireboat, or what is supposed to be converted into a fireboat, was towed into Wilmington late Sunday afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon, this reporter went aboard the craft for an "unofficial" inspection. First, I would like to make it clear that I am no authority on boats and know nothing about them.

But, from all I could see the city of Wilmington is stuck with a \$13,500 pile of floating junk. The craft was built in 1943 and has enjoyed a very hard life and no care, at least it's appearance would so indicate.

The thick coats of Navy grey paint have buckled and cracked and can be pulled off in sheets. That, I was told, can be fixed.

One side, and not being a seadog, I can't say which side, was ripped and torn and rotten in several places. Plenty of places on the bow were rotten and will disintegrate with the lightest touch.

The windows on the cabin were

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## AIR SHOW MARKS WRIGHT PROGRAM

Forty-fourth Anniversary Of First Plane Flight To Be Celebrated

MANTO, Dec. 16. — (AP) — The 44th anniversary of the Wright brothers first flight in a heavier-than-air-craft at nearby Kill Devil Hill will be celebrated tomorrow when helicopters, Navy fighters and jet planes converge on that dune in the North Carolina outer sandbanks.

The lights on the granite memorial pylon atop the hill will be switched on for the first time since a banks storm in 1944 damaged the electrical equipment.

Igor Sikorsky, Russian-born aircraft designer, and Lawrence E. Bell, president of the Bell Aircraft Corporation, are scheduled to land on the hill in helicopters during the ceremonies. Designers and manufacturers of many types of rotary wing aircraft are scheduled to be on hand and demonstrate their machines.

**Official Luncheon**

An official luncheon will be held here, with Sikorsky a principal speaker. A contingent of Representatives and Senators, including Herbert C. Bonner, whose first district includes the

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## CHARLOTTE SEEKS FUEL OIL RELIEF

Tar Heel Congressmen To Consider Situation At Meeting Today

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 16. — (AP) — A prospect of relief for "distress case" families stricken by the fuel oil shortage was seen today in a proposal that major oil suppliers in the Charlotte area pool part of their stocks for immediate distribution to neediest victims.

The idea was one of many presented at a meeting of oil men and city-county officials called by Mayor Herbert H. Baxter to plot means of alleviating the shortage.

Should the scheme fail, Baxter said, both he and City Manager Henry A. Yancey will ask the city council to authorize the immediate purchase of 100,000 gallons of fuel oil by the city government for allocation to hardship cases. Baxter did not

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## Cold War Rages In Town Over Slacks In School

CAMDEN, N. Y., Dec. 16. — (AP) — A cold war raged tonight in this quiet rural village as the second student participant in "Battle of the Slacks" studied conflicting orders.

Gertrude Ackley, 15 year old sophomore student at Camden Central school, was sent home from school today for wearing slacks which she said, "my father told me to wear."

The pretty sophomore wore the slacks through one class—in the gymnasium—but when she tried to wear them to a second class she was sent to the principal.

Principal Donald Barker gave her the choice of taking special instruction in a class composed

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## And So To Bed

A tip to future speakers and a vote against the "New Look" was written in the Dec. 15 issue of the *Civilian News* for members of the club who are scheduled to meet this afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Crystal restaurant.

Written on the program was: "After dinner speeches should be like a woman's skirt—long enough to cover the subject, but short enough to be interesting."

## Conciliators Fail In WU-Worker Snarl

### Government Efforts To Strike Of Telegraphers Leaders Sav

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16. — (AP) — Government efforts to head off a threatened strike of 50,000 Western Union telegraph employees broke up in complete disagreement tonight and union leaders announced the strike definitely would be called next Tuesday unless the company makes a suitable settlement offer.

A six-hour negotiation conference, called at the request of the Federal Conciliation Service, ended with AFL union representatives flatly refusing a company offer of a single \$1,000,000 bonus payment.

W. L. Allen, international president of the Commercial

## Davis Plans Inaugural Flight After Christmas

### MEAN THIEVES

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 16. — (AP) — Thieves have dimmed the prospects of a joyous Christmas for needy children here.

They broke into the courthouse basement and carried \$500 worth of toys bought with publicly donated funds and assembled for distribution.

Items taken include 68 teddy bears, 36 wooden rifles, and hundreds of games, dolls and other articles.

### HOSPITAL VOTE FAILS TO CARRY

ELIZABETHTOWN, Dec. 16. — With returns from two townships still not in, it appeared here tonight that a Bladen county bond issue of \$100,000 to insure establishment of a 50-bed \$500,000 hospital in the county had failed to carry a county-wide election by about 30 votes.

Election officials said that Turnbull and Lake Creek returns still had not been received when counting was closed for the night, but that the vote in those two townships was not expected to be heavy enough to carry the bond issue.

To carry the election, a total of 1,321 of the county's 2,640 registered voters would have had to vote for the bond issue. Each registered voter who failed to vote was counted in the "no" bracket.

Had the bond issue carried, an

### EXPRESS AGENCY TO RAISE RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. — (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission proposed today to allow the Railway Express Agency to raise most express rates by 10 per cent.

The Commission emphasized, however, that its action is not final and is subject to review if shippers file protests.

The effect is to authorize the company to file the increased rates and to put them into effect 30 days later if no protests are filed.

If protests are filed, the Commission can suspend the higher rates and conduct a formal investigation as to their reasonableness.

The increase is designed chiefly to cover a 15-1-2 cents an hour wage increase recently granted to express company

### POSTOFFICE LOSES CASH GETTING GIFT TO AUNTIE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. — (AP) — This gay, festive, Christmas season brings only gloom to the post office people.

For they know that every time you mail a package to Aunt Nettie, they lose money.

Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson told a House Post Office subcommittee today that his department is losing \$48,500,000 on its package-carrying this year.

It also will lose another \$74,000,000 on its circular mail. Donaldson is sorry about that, too.

The subcommittee also seems to be sorry, for it's considering legislation to set up a board to fix mail rates—instead of leaving the job to Congress, as is done in most cases now.

This red ink talk so depressed me—my Christmas duns having come in—that I readily fell into conversation with one of the witnesses, Nathan Boone Williams.

Williams, a local lawyer, has been interested in the post office for 40 years—back to the time when everyone was wondering whether the department should embark on the bold experiment of carrying packages.

Williams wrote a pamphlet, "The American Post Office." Here are a few things from it

### DR. J. W. FARRIOR DIES AT WARSAW

WARSAW, Dec. 16. — James William Farrior, 65, prominent physician of Warsaw, died Tuesday afternoon at his home after a short illness of several days.

He was the son of the late Henry and Amelia Archer Farrior, of Kenansville. He was a graduate of State college, Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania.

He began his practice in medicine soon after his graduation in Kenansville but moved to Warsaw in 1918 and has continued his practice here since that time.

He served as Captain in the medical corps in World War One and has been very active in church and civic affairs, having served as elder and Sunday school superintendent in the local Presbyterian church for many years. He was president of the local Rotary club, a member of the town board of commissioners and a member of the State and National Medical association.

Funeral services will be held in the Warsaw Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Eugene H. Clark, Pastor. Burial will be in the family plot in the Kenansville cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Sloan of Garland, one daughter, Mrs. E. C. Thompson of Chapel Hill; two sons, Henry Farrior, student at the University of North Carolina and William Farrior, student at Davidson college, one brother, Henry Farrior of Warsaw.

### NAVY PHYSICIANS WILL SPEAK HERE

J. S. Brown, Frank T. Norris To Be Guests Of County Medical Men

Two Navy doctors, who have outstanding war records and who are now stationed at the Naval hospital at Camp Lejeune, will be the principal speakers at the final meeting of the year for the New Hanover County Medical Society at the Cape Fear club tonight at 7 o'clock.

Both speakers—J. S. Brown, Jr., captain, MC, USN; and Frank T. Norris, Commander, MC, USN—are natives of North Carolina.

Captain Brown, a graduate of Davidson college and the Tulane university medical school, is now chief of surgery at the Camp Lejeune hospital, having held that position since the fall of 1945. He was transferred from the reserve to the regular Navy in 1946.

After serving as chief of surgery

### ALONG THE CAPE FEAR

Fear. For 10 hours the Atlantic stood guard over the crippled tanker and pumped water from her hold.

Another war incident in which the Atlantic figured was the day following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This time a tanker put into the Cape Fear with fire threatening thousands of gallons of oil which the boat was carrying. It took the Atlantic only 45 minutes to set things right on the tanker and save the ship from exploding.

The Atlantic likewise has seen service as a life-saver. She has been used to recover bodies from the waters of the Cape Fear.

Those are just a few of the incidents in the life of this old boat dear to the city's firemen and her general chief.

Chief Croom once said that she had saved the city untold thousands of dollars and had repaid her keep a thousand times.

But time moves on. What can be made of her successor remains to be seen.

### THE WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA: Fair Wednesday and Thursday night. Cooler Wednesday except on the coast. Friday cold and clear. Saturday and Sunday increasing cloudiness and not much change in temperature.	
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.	
Temperature:	1:30 a.m. 59; 7:30 a.m. 56; 1:30 p.m. 59; 7:30 p.m. 52
Maximum 59; Minimum 54; Mean 52; Normal 49.	
Humidity	1:30 a.m. 99; 7:30 a.m. 88; 1:30 p.m. 65; 7:30 p.m. 62
Precipitation	Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. — 0.06 inches.
Total since the first of the month — 3.27 inches.	
Tides For Today	
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)	
Wilmington	12:42 a.m. 7:47 a.m.
1:21 p.m. 8:31 p.m.	
Maximboro Inlet	10:41 a.m. 4:19 a.m.
10:55 p.m. 5:08 p.m.	
Surf	7:12. Sunset 5:05; Moonrise 11:07 a.m. Moonset 9:40 p.m.

### 7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

## Committee Okays Measure By Taft

### Martin Says House Will Act Promptly On New Legislation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. — (AP) — A new Republican drive developed today to pass anti-inflation legislation before the special Congress session ends Friday.

Working against time, the Senate Banking committee approved a three-point bill and the Senate agreed unanimously to consider it tomorrow.

On the "house side, Speaker Martin (R.-Mass.) told reporters "we will do everything possible to put it through the House during the special session if the Senate passes it and it arrives in the House in time."

The banking committee's approval was by voice vote at the end of a hearing at which Senator Taft (Ohio), chairman of the GOP Senate Policy committee, appealed for fast action.

Taft told the committee that if the Senate gives unanimous approval, the measure can be called p for debate there starting tomorrow.

He added that the Democrats could block this if they wanted to, and that such action probably would eliminate any chance for action in the House before the Friday adjournment goal.

**No Agreement**

Taft had told reporters earlier that he had no agreement with House leaders for action there.

The Taft measure is identical to the House-sponsored bill introduced by Rep. Wolcott (R.-Mich.), chairman of the House Banking committee, except that it does not contain the section requiring larger gold reserves in federal reserve banks. It calls for voluntary industry-wide agreements to distribute scarce commodities under temporary suspension of anti-trust laws and extension of export controls and authority over transportation.

The Senate Banking committee wrote in two amendments to the Taft bill. One would restore the President's wartime powers to restrict the use of grain in liquor production. This is now being done by a voluntary agreement of the industry.

The other agreement removes

### JURY SEES AUDIT ON HUDSON FUNDS

PROSECUTION PRESENTS FIVE WITNESSES AGAINST R. L. FRITZ, JR.

LENOIR, Dec. 16. — (AP) — A detailed audit into payments of teachers at the Hudson school was presented to a Caldwell county superior court jury late today by prosecution attorneys who are attempting to convict R. L. Fritz, Jr., on charges of obtaining money from the state under false pretense.

The audit, transcribed for the convenience of the jurors on a big blackboard, was prepared by E. W. Smith, a Lenoir certified public accountant who said that at one time he had referred to fiscal records at the school as "inadequate and poorly kept."

Smith was the last of five witnesses called today by the prosecution in pressing its charges that Fritz, former Hudson principal and spirited champion of higher pay for teachers, obtained approximately \$1,600 from the state through payroll irregularities.

Testimony by the four brought these developments before more than 350 spectators who packed the Caldwell courtroom for the second day:

- 1—Luther B. Robinson, Caldwell superintendent of education, testified that an acute teacher shortage forced his office to ignore certain state laws in the employment of teachers, including those at the Hudson school.
- 2—Smith, the CPA, said that

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