

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Clear to partly cloudy and slightly warmer today and tonight, Friday fair and warmer.

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Arab Officials Make Peace Bid To Jews

Jabakieh Quarter Representatives Blame Recent Sniping On "Strangers" Area; Palestine Grows Quieter

JERUSALEM Palestine, Dec. 17.—Arab officials of a Jaffa suburb made a peace bid to Jews of Tel Aviv today and a British district commissioner proposed a truce in the bullet-scarred area between the two cities. Five officials of Jaffa's Jabakieh quarter, opposite the Bat Yam suburb of Tel Aviv, blamed sniping on "strangers" in Jabakieh. The officials walked boldly past armed Haganah guards to confer with the chairman of the Jewish local council and offer what was believed the first official Arab peace proposal since the United Nations approved the Palestine partition plan Nov. 29. They appealed to the Jews not to return Arab fire, but to telephone them in Jabakieh and "we will take care of the strangers ourselves."

ABC Board Members Get \$600 Salary Increases

PRINCIPALS URGE SPECIAL SESSION

State Association Joins Clamor For Teacher Salary Boost

RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—Organized school principals of the state today joined their voices to the clamor of educational leaders who are seeking a special session of the legislature to act on increased pay for teachers. The executive board of the North Carolina Principals' Association, a unit of the North Carolina Education Association, held a session here and voted to ask Governor Cherry to call a special session of the lawmakers. The resolution said that "this action is taken with the full knowledge that the revenue is available and sufficient to meet this need."

COMPANY, UNION MAY MEET FRIDAY

Government Summons Leaders For Conference On WU Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The government today summoned top officials of Western Union and three AFL unions to an emergency conference here Friday in a last-ditch effort to head off a threatened pre-Christmas strike by 50,000 workers. Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Conciliation Service, scheduled the conference for 4 P. M. EST, Friday. The three unions—the Commercial Telegraphers, the Telegraph Workers and the Telegraph Employees—have threatened to walk out next Tuesday unless

The Weather

SUB FORECAST
South Carolina—Mostly cloudy over South Parton, partly cloudy in the North, and slightly warmer Thursday and Thursday night Friday fair and warmer.
North Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy, slightly warmer Thursday and Thursday night Friday fair and warmer.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:
TEMPERATURES
4:30 a. m. 47, 7:30 a. m. 37, 1:30 p. m. 42, 7:30 p. m. 46.
Starkville 33, minimum 36, mean 44.
1:30 a. m. 79, 7:30 a. m. 79, 1:30 p. m. 60, 7:30 p. m. 65.
PRECIPITATION
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—0.00 inches.
Since the first of the month—5.57 inches.
TIDES FOR TODAY
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).
Wilmington
1:27 a. m. 8:32 a. m.
1:53 p. m. 9:17 p. m.
1:30 a. m. 11:21 a. m. 5:02 p. m.
1:40 p. m. 11:40 p. m. 5:51 p. m.
Sunrise 7:12 Sunset 5:05 Moonrise 11:37A
Moonset 10:37P
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m. Wed.—11.2 feet.
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House Members Sustain \$88,000,000 Cut

Stop-Gap Aid Bill For Three Nations; Washington May Get Zone Merger Meeting

First Conference Due In January

Bidault Voices Agreement On Move For Three Power Parley

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(P)—The United States, Great Britain and France may open formal negotiations in Washington early in January to merge their German occupation zones, leaving the Russian zone isolated behind the Soviet iron curtain, it was made known today. The suggestion for the Washington negotiations was made at the dinner conference last night between Secretary of State George C. Marshall and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, it was understood, and Bidault approved the idea. Marshall was believed to have raised the question today at a conference with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. If the talks are held as tentatively suggested, it is expected that the participants will start on a "working" level—that is, as specially appointed deputies will go thoroughly into the "Trizonia" merger which became necessary after the breakdown of the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference. Preparations for the working phase of the merger negotiations were already well under way 48 hours after the Big Four split. Marshall conferred with Bidault as well as Bevin today and he had lunch with King George at Buckingham Palace. Bevin conferred with Bidault and John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign policy expert who is a key member of Marshall's Big Four delegation. Later Bevin reported to the king. Present at the Bevin-Dulles luncheon conference was Sir Hartley Shawcross, attorney general who was British prosecutor at the great Nuremberg war crimes trial and is

BRITAIN RECEIVES FINANCIAL LIFT

U. S. Signs, Take Over Two-Thirds Of German Occupation Costs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U.P)—The United States gave Great Britain another financial lift today by agreeing formally to shoulder three-quarters of the occupation costs in the merged Anglo-American zone of Western Germany. The agreement, which has been under negotiation for several months, was signed for the United States by Acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett and for Britain by Sir William Strong, political adviser to the British commander-in-chief in Germany. The joint occupation cost an estimated \$800,000,000 this year, and the United States and Britain shared it on a 50-50 basis. The American share next year would be \$600,000,000 if the costs remained at the current level. State Department officials made public a summary of the agreement, but the complete text was withheld pending its submission to the British parliament tomorrow. It does not require ratification by the U. S. Senate. Diplomatic sources said the agreement gives the United States a bigger voice in administering the joint Anglo-American zone, in proportion to its increased financial responsibility. The accord replaces one signed on Dec. 2, 1946, which Britain insisted must be revised because of her critical dollar shortage.

ER To Make Christians Of Yule Tree Salesmen

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 17.—(U.P)—Elliott Roosevelt said today he intends to "make Christians out of Christmas tree dealers. He announced that he would open his own tree market here tomorrow and would sell any tree up to 12 feet in height for \$1. The son of the late President, who started the now famous Val-Kill Christmas Tree Farm back in 1930 as a reforestation project, said he was going into business himself to combat any tendency Hudson valley dealers might have toward price gouging. He said that in New York city yesterday he saw some 12-foot trees from the Roosevelt farm being sold for as much as \$35 each and eight-foot trees going for \$20. Prices here ranged from \$2 to \$6. Workers from the Roosevelt estate will help him supply "all the fresh-cut trees that people can buy," Elliott added. He also said about 50,000 white and Norway spruce trees

Senate Votes To Restore Wartime Curbs On Installment Buying; GOP Bill Halted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U.P)—The Senate voted today to restore wartime curbs on installment buying, but Democrats blocked an immediate decision on the Republican "quickie" anti-inflation program. "I don't think they're going to let us pass it," Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., told newsmen several hours after he put the stop-gap plan before the Senate on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. Taft said that President Truman would have to prove the need to combat high prices with wider powers than the GOP program provides. The Senate recessed shortly before 6 p. m. EST with no agreement in sight. Taft said another attempt to get a vote will be made tomorrow. But he had come to the conclusion that the opposition "has decided to block it."

ANDERSON READY TO SEE PROBERS

Secretary Undecided However, About Taking Market Records Along

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U.P)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said tonight he will comply with a subpoena directing him to appear before the Senate Appropriations committee tomorrow morning, but that he has not yet decided whether to take along the confidential records on commodity market trading which the committee demanded. Two hours after the committee's subpoena was served on him at the Agriculture Department, Anderson called in reporters and said: "All I know is that I am going up there (to the capitol) tomorrow morning at 9:30 a. m. What I will say I don't know." He indicated that he was concerned about the consequences of directly defying the subpoena. He had insisted earlier that he could not divulge the names of big-time market speculators without a special act of Congress releasing him from the secrecy restrictions of the Commodity Exchange Act. "In Contempt!" He said that if he did not comply with the subpoena he would be "in contempt of the Senate committee." But he added after a moment's reflection that "I may not take the records with me."

Rocky Point Farm Wife Critically Wounds Hubby

Ed Craven, 37-year-old Rocky Point farmer, was in a "critical" condition at James Walker Memorial hospital, where he was being treated last night for a pistol wound in the stomach allegedly inflicted by his wife, Beulah, Sheriff Jack Brown of Pender county revealed. Attached at the hospital said that Craven's condition was "critical," and Sheriff Brown said that the attending doctor informed him last night that Craven had a "fair chance of recovering."

Along The Cape Fear

THE GOOD SHIP WACCAMAW
—The Cape Fear river, famed many a year for its sailing ships, had one back in the year of 1872 that not only performed the duty well for what it intended, but it so pleased a party of passengers on a voyage from Baltimore to Wilmington that the guests felt moved to pass a resolution to that effect. According to an old handwritten paper, that has come into the hands of the column's editor, the boat was originally intended for writing duty. The writer of the old resolution points this fact out in his praise of the Waccamaw, when he takes note of the fact that she "has no superior on the Atlantic coast." Heading the paper "Return of the Waccamaw," the resolution says that "At a meeting of the passengers of the Steamer Waccamaw, held in the cabin on Thursday, the 22nd of August 1872., it was unanimously re-

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HE'S NO PARROT

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—(P)—A parrot which eats ice cream, kisses girls and doesn't use profanity was the object of a court injunction today. Common Pleas Judge Frank S. Day enjoined the bird's owners, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Paul of suburban Cleveland Heights, from selling the parrot to anyone but Mrs. Marguerite Hudson. The action followed Mrs. Hudson's petition saying she paid \$25 down for the parrot, but the Pauls refused to sell when she offered the \$35 balance. Asked for comment, the bird was mum.

PEOPLE MAY CALL FOR OIL CONTROL

Rep. Doughton Says Congress Will Grant Demand If Made

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(P)—Rep. Doughton (D-NC) said tonight he expects "the people to call for government control of the oil industry unless the industry does something about the critical situation" on the East coast. "And if the people want controls, Congress will authorize them," he told reporters. A conference of oil dealers with North Carolina members of Congress and government officials today brought the assertion "the entire state is suffering for lack of fuel oils from

MEN BURN SHOES FOR SIGNAL FIRE

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Two Georgia Hunters Found After Plane Spots Their Haven

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Dec. 17.—(P)—Two duck hunters, who built a signal fire with their shoes to attract aerial searchers, were found in the vast Oconee swamp today after they had virtually been given up for dead and were rescued tonight by an amphibious expedition. William A. Brown, Milledgeville coal dealer, and Donald Hembre, of Atlanta, emerged from their ordeal tattered and shaken but able to tell the story of their battle for survival against the terrors of the flooded swampland. Deluging rains swept the area shortly after the two men were

House Members Applaud But Hold On To Mileage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U.P)—Members of the House applauded politely today when one of their number suggested that Congress contribute to the world's needy by giving up the \$222,000 travel allowance the lawmakers get for attending this extra session. Then they put it to a vote, and the "no's" could be heard all the way to the cashier's window. The suggestion came from Rep. James W. Wadsworth, a well-to-do Republican from Genesee, N. Y., who thought his

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Witnesses Declare Mrs. Fritz Did Not Teach At Time Specified

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