

WEATHER

Partly cloudy to cloudy today, clearing tonight; Wednesday, fair; mild temperatures becoming warmer Wednesday afternoon; occasional showers in northeast.

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Molotov Admits Russia Is Interested In Italian Territories MAJOR FLOOD REPORTED ON 4 BIG N.C. RIVERS

All Restrictions On Building Are Lifted, Effective October 15

WANTS SOLE TRUSTEESHIP IN TRIPOLITANIA

Makes It Clear Russia Wants Foothold On Mediterranean

DEFENDS BALKANS

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(P)—Foreign Comissar V. M. Molotov said today that Russia was interested in Italian colonies and that there was "a grain of truth" in the report that Russia wanted sole trusteeship over the North African colony of Tripolitania.

Speaking at a press conference in the sumptuous Soviet embassy in Moscow, Molotov declined to give specific Russian demands on Italy, but made it clear that Russia was anxious to obtain a foothold on the Mediterranean.

"I will not conceal the Soviet interest in Eritrea, the Italian colony bordering Ethiopia, Molotov said.

But at the same time he hinted at a willingness to compromise on Yugoslavia's claims against Italy by declaring that territory Italian in character should remain Italian.

The dapper foreign commissar also declined to be specific on Moscow's views on the Italian-Yugoslav boundary, saying only that the question was "under discussion."

He declared, however, that he believed those territories belonging to Croats and Slovenes should be turned over to Yugoslavia.

Earlier, the Yugoslavs made formal claims to Venetia Giulia before the foreign ministers of the five leading allied nations.

SUPPORTS BALKANS Molotov made a long statement supporting the governments established in Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary which the United States

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WITNESS FAILS TO APPEAR

Blonde Louisiana War Worker Fails To Testify In Epes Case

By JOANNE EDSON COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 18.—(P)—Blonde Nellie Kingsland, Louisiana war plant worker on whom the state sought to peg its love triangle motive in its charge of wife murder against Lt. Samuel C. Epes, 27, of Richmond, Va., failed to appear today as the case opened its second day.

Friendship and correspondence between Epes and Miss Kingsland of Lake Charles, La., after they had met while he was on maneuvers in 1944, was recounted yesterday by witnesses in Epes' trial on a charge of "suffocating and poisoning" his wife, Mary Lee Williams Epes, last January.

Sheriff T. Alex Helse said that a subpoena had been served by Lake Charles' officers on Miss Kingsland September 5, but that "there's no law by which we can compel her to appear when she is out of the state."

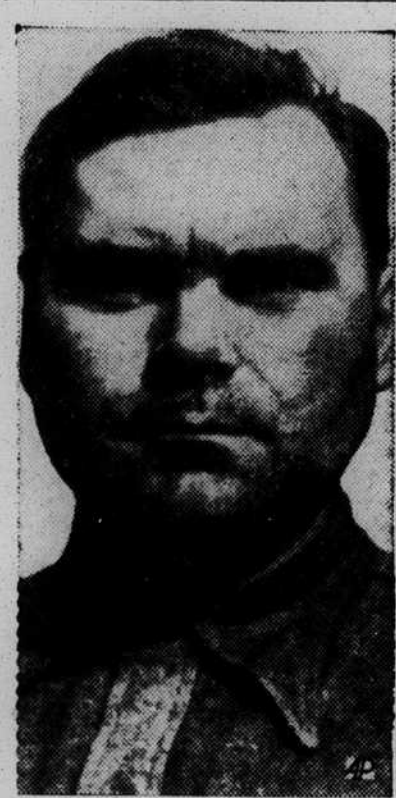
CROSS-EXAMINATION State Senate President Edgar A. Brown, counsel for Epes, subjected Fort Jackson provost marshal Major Larry Gaines, who investigated the case from its early stages, to a lengthy examination.

"Epes is not an emotional man, is he?" he asked and staid "Brown hammered at Gaines as he sought to break the state's contention that Epes had become involved with Miss Kingsland and had an emotional upset.

After bringing from Gaines a statement that the major had had but two years military police experience since having been elevated from a sergeantcy, Brown said of the state's attempt to establish a love triangle motive:

"There would be a wholesale killing of army wives in the country if all Army married men reacted to

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'BEAST OF BELSEN'—Josef Kramer (above), known as the "Beast of Belsen" because of his administration as director of the notorious Belsen concentration camp in Germany, pleaded innocent of war crimes and conspiracy to commit mass murder at his trial before a British military court at Dueneberg, Germany.—(AP Wirephoto)

TRUMAN CALLS OFF VISIT HERE

Will Go To Raleigh From Statesville November 2

President Truman has definitely decided that he cannot visit Kings Mountain on his trip to Statesville and Raleigh, November 2, it was learned today from Senator Clyde R. Hoey at Washington.

Officials in charge of the Kings Mountain battleground 165th anniversary celebration had expressed a willingness to move back the event to suit the president's convenience after he had indicated last week his purpose to include that in his Carolina itinerary if possible.

Pressure to have the chief executive go to Raleigh for a visit with Senator Bailey caused that to be included so that the President will fly to Charlotte, motor to Statesville and from there to Raleigh. He will go from Raleigh to Atlanta by plane the following day.

The Kings Mountain battleground celebration will not be held on November 2, but plans to hold it a year hence when President Truman will be invited are already underway, it was learned this morning.

Mahmud Issaway Hanged For Part In Assassination

CAIRO, Sept. 18.—(P)—Mahmud Issaway, 26-year-old attorney, was hanged this morning for the slaying of Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Pasha last Feb. 26 just after the government leader had announced his cabinet's decision to declare war on the Axis.

Issaway, pale and haggard, was led into the death chamber by six guards at 8 a.m. and was pronounced dead three minutes and 50 seconds later.

TODAY IN CONGRESS:

House And Senate Debate Unemployment Pay, Discharges

By MAX HALL WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(P)—The senate today opened what looked like its hottest debate since the war ended—a tussle over how much to pay the unemployed.

The house, going on with its noisy discussion of Army discharges, seemed on the verge of passing a bill to win more enlistments by making Army life more appealing.

Inquiring committees of both the senate and house tackled tough postwar problems.

That was the picture in congress today.

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6-POINT PLAN ANNOUNCED TO AID BUILDERS

OPA's Plea For Ceilings On Prices Of New Homes Is Denied

FEARS PRICE BOOM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(P)—Reconversion Director John W. Snyder today announced the lifting of all restrictions on construction of private homes and other buildings, effective October 15.

Snyder announced a six-point program designed to speed the expansion of the building industry, but his plan did not include ceilings on the price of new homes, for which OPA has pleaded.

Simultaneously, the War Production Board disclosed that its famed order "L-41" will be revoked as of Oct. 15. It limits the building of stores, office buildings, hotels, apartments and public works, as well as dwellings.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles, only an hour before Snyder's action, urged congress to authorize price limits on new dwellings.

Otherwise, Bowles told a senate small business subcommittee, home prices will go sky-high in "the biggest price boom ever."

SIX POINTS Snyder's six points:

1. Inter-agency action will be taken to increase the supply of scarce building materials and, if necessary, to grant price and wage increases and priorities to break

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LAND READY FOR AIRPORT

The last tract of land necessary for the development of the new Shelby airport in the Sharon church community has been deeded to the city, it was learned this morning from Mayor Harry Woodson who said that the final tract was arranged in a transfer of several acres of land with Mrs. M. D. Moore.

The city now has in one contingent tract more than 325 acres of land and is ready to proceed with grading and construction of airport facilities, if and when Congress passes the pending bill providing federal aid for airports, city officials say.

WHAT'S DOING

7:00 p.m.—Scouters club meets at Woman's club at Bolling Springs with Boiling Springs troop as hosts.

8:00 p.m.—W.O.W. meets at clubhouse here.

WEDNESDAY 7:15 p.m.—Sunday school council of First Baptist church meets at the church.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church.

8:00 p.m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.

8:00 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church.

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TRUMAN TELLS 'MAMA' GOODBYE — President Harry S. Truman (right) leans over for a farewell kiss from his mother, Mrs. Martha E. Truman, 92, whom he calls "Mama," at the end of a visit with her at Grandview, Mo. Shortly afterwards, the President left for Washington via plane.—(AP Wirephoto)

Japanese War Lords Removed In Korea

Allies Are Agreed, Says Truman, That Korea Will Become Free And Independent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(P)—President Truman said today that Japanese war lords are being removed from Korea and the building of a great nation has now begun there.

The United States, China, Great Britain and the Soviet Union are helping in lifting up Korea, and all are agreed, he declared, that that country "shall become free and independent."

He added in a statement that assumption by the Koreans themselves of the responsibilities and functions of a free nation and the elimination of all vestiges of Japanese control "will of necessity require time and patience."

Its speedy attainment, he said, "will require the joint efforts of the Korean people and of the Allies."

"The surrender of the Japanese forces in Seoul, ancient Korean capital," the President asserted, "heralds the liberation of a freedom-loving and heroic people."

Some of the Japanese leaders in Korea are being retained temporarily, Mr. Truman said, but only because of their "technical qualifications."

Russell Wants Hirohito Taken As War Criminal

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(P)—Smouldering congressional dissatisfaction with peace terms imposed upon Japan flamed today with a demand by Senator Russell (D-Ga.) for the arrest of Emperor Hirohito as a war criminal.

The Georgia senator decried, in an address prepared for senate delivery, what he described as a "soft peace" developing for Japan. He said if present policies are continued "we are headed for complete failure and another war" in the Orient.

Russell was the first to bring before the senate complaints about the arrangements under which Japan surrendered.

Several of his colleagues have voiced similar dissatisfaction privately since the peace terms were signed.

ON THRONE Under those terms Hirohito remains on his throne but takes orders from Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"Labor doesn't do business in the old-fashioned way any more," Addes said.

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JAPS ALLOWED TO RESUME AIR TRANSPORT

Limited Service; No More Than Four Planes In Air At Once

EXODUS UNDERWAY

TOKYO, Sept. 18.—(P)—General MacArthur's headquarters, newly established opposite the imperial palace, reported today that Japan has been permitted to resume a sharply-restricted air transport service radiating from Tokyo, with no more than four planes in the air at a time and subject to cancellation whenever it ceases to further allied interests.

The occupation of this defeated country proceeded quietly, with no further elaboration of MacArthur's statement of yesterday that 200,000 regular army troops probably would be sufficient to rule Japan within six months, allowing "complete demobilization" of Pacific draftees. Previous lowest estimates for the occupation force had been 400,000.

Dispatches from Washington described the State department as "surprised" and "concerned" at MacArthur's 200,000 estimate, which drew favorable comment from some members of Congress.

There was no comment here on the Washington reaction or on the possibility that President Truman might have to define the American occupation policy.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commanding U. S. Eighth army occupation forces on Honshu, said

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PATTERSON TO GET WAR POST

Expected To Be Chosen To Succeed Stimson In War Department

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(P)—President Truman has chosen Undersecretary Robert P. Patterson to succeed Henry L. Stimson as secretary of war.

This was learned today as President Truman called a news conference for 4 p.m. (EWT) when he is expected to make the official announcement.

Stimson will be 78 Friday. Stimson's retirement may be followed by several other war department changes.

John J. McCoy, assistant secretary of war, also is expected to return to private life soon. The retirement of General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, is expected within weeks.

Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, chief of the army service forces, may soon take a job in a private industry. General Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, commanding general of the army air forces, is another who wants to retire.

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FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE: Europe Needs Shipments Of Food To Avert Starvation

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP News Analyst

Europe's dangerous shortage of food was emphasized again yesterday when 47 American organizations petitioned President Truman for quick shipments of foodstuffs to avert starvation.

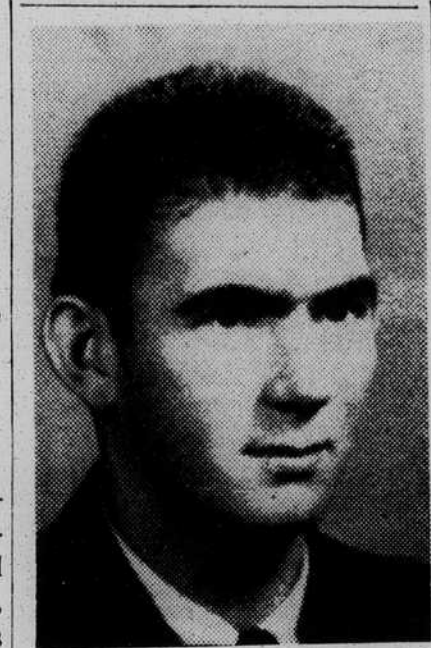
The President later issued a statement saying "this government is bending every effort to find solutions to this problem" and reaffirming his pledge at the time of the Potsdam conference: "If we let Europe go cold and hungry, we may lose some of the foundations of order on which the hoped for world-wide peace must rest.

We must help to the limits of our strength. And we will."

He added that "much suffering may be expected during the coming winter in certain areas of the continent."

At the same time an Associated Press dispatch from Germany epitomized this perilous situation. It reported that shovel squads already are preparing graves for Berlin citizens who are expected to die from starvation or suicide during the winter.

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LIBERATED—After three and a half years in Jap prison camps, Hugh Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Huff Hamrick of Bolling Springs, was freed September 10 from the Osaka camp.

HUGH HAMRICK IS LIBERATED

Captured At Corregidor, Survives Long Stay In Jap Prison

Pvt. Hugh Hamrick, a prisoner of the Japanese since he was captured on Corregidor in April, 1942, was released from the Jap prison camp at Osaka on September 10, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huff Hamrick, of Bolling Springs.

Only Pvt. Coy D. Lankford, captured in the Philippines in May, 1942, remains unreported of the Cleveland county men who were taken prisoners in the war.

The message received last evening was the first from Pvt. Hamrick since the war's end, although a note written by him in February was received last month to say that he was well at that time.

No indication of his physical condition was contained in the message telling of his liberation.

Pvt. Hamrick was shipped to the Philippines promptly after his induction because of his expert knowledge of handling heavy machinery. He was put to operating a bulldozer for the army on Corregidor, where he was captured along with General Wainwright's forces. He and Pvt. Lankford, whose mother lives at Double Shoals, were first in Jap prison camps on the Philippines, but both were afterward moved.

Hamrick to Osaka on Honshu island, Pvt. Lankford to Fukuoka.

Kichine predicted "one of the worst floods we have ever had," along the Cape Fear and the Roanoke, and added the Neuse might also come within this category.

ESCAPED BRUNT With the exception of winds that reached a top velocity of 35 m.p.h. at Carolina Beach, south of Wilmington, and torrential rains that caused swollen streams in most sections of the state and blocked highways, in some instances, North Carolina had apparently escaped the brunt of a west Indian storm that swirled through Florida and began spending its fury yesterday after striking in lower South Carolina.

The hurricane that caused \$50,000,000 damage at Miami and

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ROAD SENTENCE IS STRUCK OUT

George Gardner, sentenced to two months on the roads last week for assault with deadly weapon in connection with his alleged part in an affray which took place near the Webb theatre, withdrew his appeal to Superior court today when judgment was changed in Cleveland Recorder's court from the two-month road sentence to a fine of \$10 and costs. Judge A. A. Powell granted the motion for a change in judgment following an appearance of Gardner's attorney.

RESPITE FROM RAIN WELCOME

7.84 Inches Recorded Since Friday; Streams Receding

Relief from the 7.84 inches of rainfall which since Friday had fallen to swell streams out of their banks was welcomed this morning as the sun came out to shine brightly with the weather man promising fair and warmer weather.

The Piedmont and Fallston schools did not operate today, high water having prevented school buses from making their full rounds yesterday in certain sections. If streams continue to recede classwork will be resumed tomorrow in those schools unable to carry on today.

Heaviest rain of the four-day period came Monday when 3.32 inches were recorded.

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WATERS STILL RISING AFTER HEAVY RAINS

Roanoke, Cape Fear, Neuse And Tar Rivers Above Flood Stage

MODERATE WINDS

RALEIGH, Sept. 18.—(P)—A major flood, potentially "one of the worst we have ever had," was reported on four big North Carolina rivers today by the U. S. weather station here.

Present reports of rampaging waters along the Roanoke, Cape Fear, Neuse and Tar rivers point to "almost a record flood already," officials said, and despite clearing skies over central North Carolina, waters still are rising rapidly.

The Cape Fear at Fayetteville, with a flood stage of 35 feet, had risen to 56 feet by early morning, and H. E. Kichine, director of the weather station, said he expected the river to reach 62 feet, or 27 feet above flood stage, by Thursday. At Elizabethtown, the Cape Fear had reached 31.2 feet early today and is still rising.

The Neuse had topped flood stage at Smithfield and Neuse early today, with readings of 21.5 feet at Smithfield and 23.6 at Neuse. Flood stage at Smithfield is 13 feet, and at Neuse, 14. At Goldsboro, the river had reached 13.4 feet and at Kinston, 9.6 feet. Flood stage at both stations is 14 feet.

Kichine said he expects the Neuse to go "very high" but he gave no definite stage.

ABOVE FLOOD The Roanoke, four feet above its 31-foot flood stage at Weldon, was rising rapidly. At Clarksville it reached the 13-foot flood stage, and had topped flood stage at Danville by 5.8 feet and at Randolph, Va., by 2.3 feet. Readings at Danville early today were 16.8 feet, at Randolph, 23.3 feet. At Williamston, the Roanoke had reached 9.2 feet, within 8 feet of flood stage.

The Tar river, two feet below flood stage at Garburo, had risen to 11 feet. At Tarboro, it measured 15.6 feet and at Enfield, 14.1 feet. Flood stage at Enfield is 13 feet. At Rocky Mount, the river had risen 21.1 feet above flood stage.

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