

WEATHER

Clear to cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Thursday; a few scattered thundershowers Thursday afternoon and in west portion this afternoon.

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HIROHITO-MACARTHUR MEETING MAY BE TOMORROW

Swing To Isolationism Would Put U. S. On Road To Ruin--Truman

ALLIES AGREED ON OCCUPATION OF JAPAN

Disposition Of Japan's Fleet To Be Decided By Committee

NOT A "FAILURE"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(P)—President Truman declared today that any swing to isolationism in the United States would put this country on the road to ruin.

Then, with machine gun rapidity, he replied to a variety of questions which further revealed some of his plans for American participation in remaking the world order. He said:

1. "The disposition of Japan's fleet will be decided by an allied reparations committee just as in the case of German naval force. This would open the way for both Britain and Russia to claim a share as they did at the Berlin Big Three meeting.

2. In his forthcoming message to Congress on the atomic bomb he will say whether he believes the secrets of the bomb should be divulged to other nations.

3. The present organization of Japanese occupation under General Douglas MacArthur was agreed upon by all the governments interested—evidently meaning Russia, Britain, and China. Mr. Truman said he has received no proposal for creating an allied council on Japan.

4. He has no knowledge of any plans for another "Big Three" meeting.

5. In the President's opinion there is no evidence that the Big Five council of foreign ministers in London has "failed"—the word a newsman used in asking the question. Let's wait until we see what are the real results of the meeting before we call it a failure, the President said, and not make a decision on surmises.

ISOLATIONIST TREND The comment on isolationism came in a response to a question as to whether Mr. Truman thought the United States was in a more isolationist mood. He was told that columnist David Lawrence had suggested such a trend in an article published in the Washington Star last night.

Mr. Truman said he did not agree. If we ever get to that point, he said, we're on the road to ruin just as in 1920. (A swing into isolationism following the first world war has been blamed for United States failure to participate actively in world organization efforts.)

There were many questions on the subject of Japan.

The President told his news con-

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CIVIC CLUBS TO BOOST CENTER

J. Wilson Smith Of Charlotte Will Address Joint Dinner Rally

Shelby's several civic groups will come together in a joint meeting for dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Hotel Charles dining room to hear J. Wilson Smith, of Charlotte, urge the community center project for which a campaign to raise \$100,000 this year will occur in November.

The program has been arranged by Herbert L. Toms, who is program chairman. J. D. Lineberger, a trustee of the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation, will present Mr. Smith whose visit here was arranged through his brother-in-law, Frank O. Sherrill, native Shelbyan who is now one of Charlotte's business leaders and a member of Mr. Smith's Carolina's Y. M. C. A. board.

O. M. Mull, chairman of the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation which is sponsoring the community center as a privately provided recreation keystone for the city, will speak briefly following Mr. Smith's address. J. Reid Misenheimer, president of the Kiwanis club, will preside over the joint session.



POLICEMEN AND PICKETS CLASH IN STRIKE—Policemen and pickets at the strike-bound plant of the Conestoga Transportation company in Lancaster, Pa., engage in a violent clash after the pickets had overturned an automobile in which four employees of the company attempted to cross their lines. The overturned car is in the background.—(AP Wirephoto)

Fresh Dispute At Big-Five Meeting

Flareup Between Soviet, French Officials Postpones Talk Of German Peace Problems

LONDON, Sept. 26.—(P)—A fresh dispute disrupted talks of the foreign ministers of five leading Allied nations today, this one between Soviet and French representatives over wording of a communique last night.

Consequently, the scheduled discussion of German peace problems was postponed.

A disclosure that the United States was preparing to recognize Hungary had relieved tension earlier.

The controversial communique said the foreign ministers had discussed "preparation of French nationals in Soviet hands."

Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov of Russia was reported to have complained that the wording created the impression that the Russians had captured French nationals illegally. He was understood to have demanded an official correction. France refused to agree, whereupon Molotov was reported to have said he would make a statement of his own on the subject. This might be delivered here or in Moscow.

The French citizens under discussion were residents of Alsace and Lorraine impressed into the German army whom the Russians captured during the war.

ACCURATE The French took the position that the reference in the communique was an accurate statement of the discussion.

John Foster Dulles, Republican adviser to the American delegation, cancelled his projected tour of European capitals in search of information useful to the peace formula. It is understood that Dulles will seek a more precise definition of U. S. foreign policy.

The conference is expected to end tomorrow or Friday, at the latest. Plans were waiting to carry home Secretary of State Byrnes and Russian Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov.

American officials said they were going ahead of the British in their attitude toward Hungary. Informants at the British foreign office said the British view remained the same: That the Hungarian government is unrepresentative. The regime was established under Soviet sponsorship after the Red army overran the kingdom.

Both the United States and Britain are known to be disturbed by

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China To Send Occupation Troops To Japan

CHUNGKING, Sept. 26.—(P)—China will send occupation forces to Japan, a government spokesman, P. H. Chang, announced in response to a news conference question today. Size of the force, he added, remains to be worked out on the basis of "future necessities," as decided upon by co-operating nations.

NEAR 650,000 OFF JOBS DUE TO STRIKES

350,000 Refuse To Work, Remainder Idled Indirectly In NYC

SKYSCRAPER BUSINESS

By The Associated Press An off-the-job army of nearly 650,000 camped along the nation's troubled labor front today.

Postwar labor disputes were directly responsible for keeping more than 350,000 away from work. An additional 250,000 to 300,000 were idle indirectly in New York city where the most spectacular strike virtually closed the metropolis' billion dollar garment industry.

A steadily spreading strike of some 5,000 AFL elevator men and building maintenance workers in approximately 1,600 office and loft buildings was responsible for the paralyzing effect on business and industrial activity. The walkout, which began Monday, affected an estimated million and a half persons.

Two reasons were advanced for the virtual shutdown of the city's huge clothing center and the idling of an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 workers. Workers refused to pass

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—(P)—The oil workers international union, CIO, announced today it was instructing all district presidents to notify all locals that a nationwide strike has been authorized, to involve an estimated 250,000 men.

picket lines or would not climb long flights of stairs to skyscraper lofts. NO IMPROVEMENT

The labor unrest elsewhere across the country showed no marked improvement. New disputes broke out, offsetting the number of idle who left the strike ranks to return to their jobs.

In Chicago, federal negotiators

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REPORTED DEAD—Witt Hancock (above), Associated Press correspondent missing since the fall of Java in 1942, is now reported dead. William McDougall, United Press correspondent, said Hancock was drowned when the Japs sank a refugee ship on which he was trying to escape. He formerly worked for the Hickory (N. C.) Daily Record, the Henderson (N. C.) Dispatch, and with the Associated Press bureaus in Raleigh and Charlotte, N. C.—(AP Photo)

Eisenhower Summons Patton To Report On Denazification

FRANKFURT ON MAIN, Sept. 26.—(P)—Gen. Eisenhower summoned Gen. George S. Patton today to make a personal report on denazification progress in Bavaria.

Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith's Eisenhower's chief of staff, announced that the supreme commander had called for an immediate report on Nazis still holding office in Third army territory and also had requested Patton to give a personal accounting of his stewardship in Bavaria early next week.

At a press conference called as the result of Patton's recent remark that "Nazis might well be compared to any political parties at home—republican or democratic," Smith said Eisenhower would permit no modification of his order that Nazis be removed "ruthlessly from public office, regardless of general efficiency."

Patton acknowledged yesterday that his choice of words had been unfortunate.

Smith said that anyone who thought there would be a modification of Eisenhower's orders was

"wild."

To a series of questions by correspondents as to why Nazis had been left in office in Bavaria, Smith replied: "Let's wait a week and see what happens."

TROUBLE AHEAD

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(P)—It looks like trouble ahead in Germany.

Disagreements in Allied policy plus lack of supplies among the German people are blamed by diplomatic officials here.

Two possible results are foreseen:

1. Politically Germany is believed to be moving toward a split down the middle. Under such a split the eastern part of the country now occupied by Russia would come under Russian influence as a unit of

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ATOMIC BOMB:

Truman In Favor Of Sharing Secret

Believes Process Cannot Be Kept By 3 Nations; Wants Strict Controls

By Jack Bell

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(P)—President Truman reportedly favors sharing the secret of atomic energy with other nations willing to abide by strict controls.

City Firms Plan For Return To Regular Time

With the nation's going back on Eastern Standard time Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, Shelby business houses are divided in opinion as to whether schedules should be changed. At the Merchants association, it was stated today that no thorough canvass of all the stores had been made but that several of them had indicated they would open their doors at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard time as they are doing now by Eastern war time.

Banks and building and loan associations had not made out their schedules but there was some indication they might open their doors at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Standard time instead of 9 o'clock. Nothing will be definitely decided on this until tomorrow, it was stated.

FOLLOW CLOCK

Neither have all the industrial plants made out their schedules under Eastern Standard time. The Shelby Cotton mill will stick to the same schedule under Eastern Standard time as it is now following under war time, R. T. LeGrand, president, said.

Churches will mainly follow the clock with their present schedules. However, in some instances the evening service will be moved to an earlier hour. At the Central Methodist church the same morning hours will be observed under standard time as were observed under war time; however, the vesper service will be held at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. The First Baptist church will begin observing

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Hamburger, Sausage, Lunch Meat To Go On Zero Values

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(P)—The government is expected to announce tomorrow that hamburger, sausage and lunch meats made from lower grades of beef will be reduced to zero ration values Sept. 30.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson disclosed last week that the three lowest grades of beef—canner, cutter and utility—would be put on a zero ration value for the October rationing period.

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FEDERAL COURT COMES TO END

Case Of Earl Williams Is Ended In Mistrial; Spicer Sentenced

Sessions of United States District court came to a close here shortly afternoon today when the case of Earl Williams charged with illegally selling gasoline coupons ended in a mistrial. A suspended term however was ordered into effect and he must serve 60 days in jail.

Calvin Spicer, 19-year-old boy who lives near Harris, pleaded guilty to wrecking a freight train last June and was sentenced yesterday afternoon by Judge E. Yates Webb, presiding, to 10 years in the federal penitentiary.

Evidence offered in the Williams case tended to show that Williams was driving an automobile in which Ken Crawford was riding when they were stopped by a highway patrolman. Crawford had in his possession a large number of T-gas coupons and Williams had some A-coupons which he said had been given him by a man from whom he bought an automobile. Williams claimed that he did not know Crawford had any coupons or that he was selling any. Crawford pleaded nolo contendere.

Samuel Hayes was given two months in prison for a liquor violation and was given a suspended term of a year and a day in addition.

Alfonso Hector, Shelby negro, was given a suspended sentence of a year and a day for violation of the liquor law.

Max Goldiner, Cherryville mer-

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Mitchell To Head Pearl Harbor Probe

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(P)—William D. Mitchell, former attorney general under President Hoover, was chosen unanimously today as chief counsel for the joint congressional committee investigating the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Mitchell appeared before the committee and agreed to accept the position. Chairman Barkley (D-Ky) said he was eager to get to work immediately.

Annamites Kidnap Europeans, Set Fire In Heart Of Saigon

SAIGON, Indo-China, Sept. 26.—(P)—Uncontrollable Annamites (natives) who kidnaped 41 Europeans and possibly killed 10 yesterday, burned down their market place last night. The spectacular fire, a few blocks from the city's center, raged uncontrolled through Saigon's largest market place—a colorful collection of booths and sheds.

French who gathered in excited clusters on main street watched the flames and charged that Annamites stole Saigon's fire engines three days ago now were engaged in carrying out their threat to burn the city to the ground.

NO PRICE DROP ON CLOTHING

OPA Makes Price Concessions To Garment Industry

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(P)—Chances virtually disappeared today for the six to seven per cent drop in clothing prices OPA predicted would be achieved this year.

OPA officials who asked that they not be named acknowledged this in the wake of additional price concessions to the garment industry.

These concessions, announced last night, mean that for the rest of this year, most manufacturers can make fewer low-priced garments than they have been required to heretofore.

In another action, OPA announced that the public soon may have to pay more for cotton towels and flannel diapers, shirts and nightwear. This is expected to result from an increase given to manufacturers under terms of the price control act.

14 PER CENT UP OPA officials held to a hope that there will be some reduction of clothing prices by the end of the year. (They have climbed nearly 14 per cent since the hold-the-line order was issued in May, 1945.)

The low-priced garment relaxations were in the so-called maximum average price regulation vigorously opposed by the industry since it was issued early this year. This opposition has brought an easing of the order for both fabric and garment producers.

Originally the regulation required these manufacturers to return to their average price lines of 1943, which were lower than those of this year. This meant that if a producer

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 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.—Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church. 8:00 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church. THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.—Joint meeting of all civic clubs in city at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.—CAP Cadets meet at armory.

JAPAN'S ARMY, NAVY STRIPPED OF EQUIPMENT

Stocks Of Food And Clothing To Be Given To Civilians

STRICT ACCOUNTING

TOKYO, Sept. 26.—(P)—Unconfirmed Japanese reports tonight said that Emperor Hirohito will meet General MacArthur tomorrow, presumably at the U. S. embassy which is the supreme allied commander's residence.

Well-informed sources earlier had said such a meeting—unprecedented in modern Japan—was being arranged but had cited no date.

Official army sources remained silent but MacArthur's public relations office announced that correspondents would meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow (8 p.m. tonight, eastern war time) for instructions on covering "a forthcoming event."

General MacArthur today stripped Japan's army and navy of all equipment, directing that their stocks of food and clothing be turned over to the famine-threatened civilian population under a strict accounting.

A member of Japan's house of peers, meanwhile, proposed in an interview that Emperor Hirohito withdraw from all political affairs, in order to eliminate "the clique around the throne," and thus make democracy possible.

If the emperor withdrew to the background as a spiritual adviser and avoided political matters, Marquis Yoshichika Tokugawa asserted, there would be no political clique surrounding him.

Reorganization of the Japanese agency through which occupation headquarters works its will upon the conquered nation also began today to shake off clinging domination by Japanese foreign office personnel. (Occupation forces will be bolstered.)

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RAIN-SWOLLEN RIVERS RECEDE

Crests Passed On Four Of State's Major Streams

RALEIGH, Sept. 26.—(P)—Waters were receding slowly but steadily today in major North Carolina rivers which a week ago were flood-swollen by near-record rains.

Crests had been reached, or were scheduled to be reached today, on all of the four major streams whose flood waters caused principal damage to crops and highways in the eastern part of the state. The Roanoke, last of the four, was due to reach its peak of overflow at Williamston today.

Meanwhile, inspectors of the State Highway and Agriculture departments were continuing their tours of the flooded area to determine the amount of damage, expected to run into millions of dollars.

In one highway district alone—No. 7—a preliminary and conservative estimate of \$1,700,000 damage, mostly to bridges, has been received.

NOT CONCERNED

Chairman A. H. Graham of the State Highway commission said, too, that the estimate did not take into account actual damages to highway and road beds and to repair work which may result later.

Little damage was reported in the first district, through the Roanoke river flows, but "critical" reports are expected from six other districts—Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

With reopening of U. S. 27 at Goldsboro, due today, all state highways are now operating normally except Nos. 87 and 53, both in the Elizabethtown area, where the Cape Fear river is dropping from its crest.

In many areas cotton farmers said they faced a loss of \$15 a bale from decoloration of lint. Fall truck crops in South Carolina were washed out or flooded to such an extent that extensive replantings will be necessary.

Argentines Restive In Military Setup

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 26.—(P)—The Argentine people, showing growing signs of restiveness under the current military government, were offered the prospect today of a general election possibly before the end of October.

Foreign Minister Juan Cook told a news conference it was "within the realm of possibility" that the elections promised by President Edelmir Farrell might be called within the next several weeks.

In any event, he said, "the promise to call elections before the end of this year will be faithfully fulfilled."

The government appeared to have the situation in hand today following an armed revolt yesterday under Gen. Arturo Rawson, leader of the 1943 revolution that overthrew President Ramon S. Castillo.