

WEATHER

Cloudy and continued cool with occasional rains today and tonight; Sunday, cloudy and mild preceded by rain in east portion during morning.

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SHIDEHARA CHOSEN TO HEAD NEW JAP GOVERNMENT

SEEK TO AVERT NATIONWIDE COAL STRIKE

Walkouts Spread To Sixth State; O' Negotiations Fail

150,000 INVOLVED

By Harold W. Ward WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(P) Secretary of Labor Schwelbensch called in the United Mine Workers and the soft coal operators today in search of a way to avert a nationwide coal strike.

Work stoppages in the mines are cutting deep into bituminous stocks. The solid fuels administration extended its controls over distribution, while the walkouts spread to a sixth state, Indiana. Schwelbensch turned quickly to this problem after his efforts at conciliation between the CIO-oil workers and ten refinery companies ended in failure and navy seizure of the plants by White House orders.

In the offing was more trouble foreshadowed by a "demonstration" walkout of 250,000 telephone workers which paralyzed operator service in the Bell system for a few hours yesterday.

President Joseph Beirne of the National Federation of Telephone Workers said his union would follow up with a petition to the National Relations board for a strike vote. More than 150,000 miners are involved in the spreading coal strikes. Production is down by 749,000 tons daily out of the million-ton daily normal average. Solid fuels Administrator Ickes said 520 mines were idle at the start of business today.

SUPERVISORS UNION John L. Lewis is seeking recognition of his supervisory workers union, a part of district 50, United Mine Workers. They left their jobs. Since these employees must make inspections before the work shift begins, production workers also were made idle.

The operators twice declined Lewis' invitations to come to Washington to discuss the foremen's problem — a piece of unsettled business left from last spring's contract negotiations.

Lewis said the mine workers would have "adequate representation" without saying he would attend the sessions himself. Edward R. Burke, head of the Southern Coal Producers Association

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HAMBRIGHT GETS 6 MONTHS

Convicted Of Reckless Driving After Bad Auto Accident

Ralph Elmer Hambright, whose car crashed into another automobile on the Cherryville road near Wilson's gin yesterday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock, injuring four persons, was sentenced to serve six months on the roads on a charge of reckless driving, following hearing held this morning in Cleveland Recorder's court. He gave notice of appeal and bond of \$500 was fixed.

Persons injured in the wreck were Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Willis, both of whom suffered bad cuts and bruises; Mrs. Goldie Dayberry, who had several broken ribs; and her infant girl who sustained a broken arm.

BETWEEN CARS

Evidence produced this morning tended to show that Hambright tried to drive his car between a taxi and the Willis car when the taxi made a stop on the highway. The Hambright car sideswiped the Willis car turning it over twice. Officers testified that Hambright was going at such a rate of speed that he slid his wheels 150 feet before hitting the Willis machine.

Boyd Tate was sentenced to 10 days in jail for contempt of court in connection with his remonstrance to the court for a four-months sentence given him for assaulting his family.

Betty Green was fined \$100 and costs for driving while intoxicated. Her driving license was ordered suspended.



'MOSQUITO' OVER EVEREST—An RAF reconnaissance Mosquito, flying at about 32,000 feet, passes Mt. Everest, world's highest peak, on a mission over the Himalayas.

Laval Is Expelled From Court Again

Refuses To Answer Question From Bench; Court Suspended Indefinitely

By Mel Most

PARIS, Oct. 6.—(P)—Pierre Laval's trial was suspended today after the former Vichy chief of government was expelled from the courtroom for the second time in three days and then refused to continue his defense when recalled to the chamber.

After ordering Laval from the French high court of justice for failing to answer a question from the bench, Judge Paul Mongibeaux announced that the session was suspended for an "indefinite period."

Laval was brought back into the court a short time later, but went on a one-man, sit-down strike. Mongibeaux immediately discontinued the interrogation of Laval and suspended the session a second time when there were no witnesses present to continue the trial.

Upon his return to the courtroom, Laval said: "The insulting way you put your questions and the behavior of some of the jurors lead me to believe you are about to commit a judiciary crime in which I will not take part and I, therefore, prefer to sit down."

Laval's expulsion and the day's first suspension produced an uproar in the court. Everyone rose. A juror shouted: "That's not French justice!"

In the French press box someone within earshot of Mongibeaux said: "Laval is right."

Laval, successful yesterday in contesting accusations that he plotted against France's domestic security, still faced the more serious charges of having had intelligence with the enemy during the 1940 meeting of Marshal Petain and Adolf Hitler at Montoire.

Laval was expelled Thursday from the French high court of justice on the first day of his trial but was readmitted to the courtroom yesterday and made a legal plea in his own behalf.

The expulsion order today came after a heated argument between Laval, Prosecutor Andre Mornet and Mongibeaux.

Mongibeaux attempted to obtain from Laval an answer as to who brought him back to power in the Vichy regime in 1942 after Petain had ordered him arrested. Laval refused to answer.

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RUSSIANS SPEAK OUT: Big-3 Must Stand Together If Peace Is To Be Preserved

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP News Analyst

It's an old saying—and generally true—that when a man has something heavy on his chest, it's best to speak up and get rid of it. So in the long run the Soviet government organ Evestia may have helped clear the air by its sharp charges against the attitudes of the Anglo-American allies in the inharmonious conference of the Big Five council of foreign ministers which just ended in London. It isn't that the western allies agree with the strictures (for they don't), but that Moscow's viewpoint has been banged face up on the table where all can see.

SET-UP TENSE IN ARGENTINA

Mounted Police Fire Into Crowd Of 500 Women Demonstrators

By LAURANCE F. STUNTZ

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 6.—(P)—New tension gripped stormy Argentina today as the result of a charge by revolver-wielding mounted policemen into a crowd of 500 women demonstrators last night.

One woman was injured by a saber blow when the government patrolmen attacked the group as it sought to enter the Central Plaza in front of the government palace.

The women paraded to the editorial offices of La Nacion and La Prensa, under the leadership of Dr. Alicia Moreau Justo, widow of the founder of the Argentine Socialist party. They requested both newspapers to deny censorship and publish full accounts of conditions under the state of siege imposed by Col. Juan Peron, vice president and strongman of Argentina.

CLAR SREETS The mounted patrols, each made up of 50 men, kept Buenos Aires streets clear.

The government, which yesterday smashed a week-long protest strike of students in the nation's six universities, moved against further opposition last night. A decree was issued closing the University of Buenos Aires for the remainder of the school year.

In Cuba, Havana university students voted a 24-hour strike to show their solidarity with Argentine students.

One blow against Argentina's military.

Censorship For Allied Newsmen In Japan Ended

TOKYO, Oct. 6.—(P)—General MacArthur today terminated military press censorship for all Allied correspondents, maintaining only his censorship of the Japanese press and radio.

Authorization to lift or to retain Allied press censorship in Japan and Korea at his discretion was received from the War Department, a headquarters announcement said. Its termination was made effective immediately.

The War Department message pointed out, however, that by accepting accreditations to the Army, correspondents were obligated to continue all "doubtful material," even after formal military censorship had ended.

Defer Dover Day Observance Due To Elliott's Illness

Postponement of the Dover memorial service, scheduled for tomorrow at the Dover church, was necessitated early this afternoon when illness of President Phil Elliott of Gardner-Webb Junior college prevented his keeping the engagement, it was announced by Charles I. Dover, chairman. The church will hold its regular services Sunday but the Dover day observance will be set for a later day and be announced.

BYRNES HOPES FOR ANOTHER PEACE MEETING

Thinks "A Truly Representative" Meet May Be Held Soon

RUSSIAN ATTITUDE

By Graham Hovey WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(P)—Despite the breakdown of the five-power conference in London Secretary Byrnes still has hopes today for "a truly representative" European peace meeting before the end of the year.

He indicated Russia's attitude will determine whether it materializes.

Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov has not rejected the United States proposal for such a conference, Byrnes said in a radio report to the nation last night. He added he hopes the Soviet Union will agree "that the nations that fought the war—the world war—shall have a chance to make the peace."

Byrnes strongly emphasized his belief that this means all allied nations directly involved — not just Russia, Britain and the United States.

At different points in his address, he put it in the following ways: "At Berlin it certainly was never intended that the three powers present or the five powers constituting the council of foreign ministers should take unto themselves the making of the final peace."

CONCERN OF ALL At London "the American delegation took the position that, in an independent, democratic world, peace cannot be exclusive concern of a few presently powerful states x x x."

"The United States is willing to dictate terms of peace to its allies."

Byrnes disclosed that the big difference at London was over recognition of the present Bulgarian and Hungarian governments.

Because the United States and Britain have not yet recognized those regimes, Russia apparently believes they object to the friendliness of the two Balkan governments to the Soviet Union, Byrnes said. He asserted: "There could be no greater misconception of our attitude."

STUMBLING BLOCK Byrnes made it plain, too, that another stumbling block was Russia's insistence on excluding France and China from discussions of peace treaties for countries with which they had not been at war.

Russian demands that France and China have no part in the Balkan discussions led Byrnes to formulate a compromise proposal, including the suggestion for a general European peace conference.

Beast Of Belsen Admits Guilt, Trial Proceeds

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN LUENEBURG, Oct. 6.—(P)—Joseph Kramer, "the beast of Belsen," confessed that he gassed prisoners at Natzweiler concentration camp in a signed statement presented today as the prosecution concluded its case against 45 SS men and women guards accused of conspiracy to commit mass murder.

Kramer, who saw duty at five concentration camps, also admitted that he was fully aware of the gas chamber and crematorium at the Oswiecim camp he commanded.

Kramer's confession contradicted an earlier statement, which was introduced by Prosecutor T. M. Backhouse four days ago. At that time the surly Nazi denied existence of a gas chamber at Oswiecim and categorically denied allegations of former prisoners that there were mass executions, whippings and other demonstrations of cruelty.

Kramer's statement closed the prosecution case. The defense was expected to summon 40 witnesses, and the trial may continue another three weeks. All the accused probably will be examined individually.



WOMAN POWER—Labor problems are so acute in Berlin that women laborers are seen in various parts of the city. Here a gang of German women haul a salvage cart through the street.

Shidehara Opposed Japan's Militarism

Forced Into Retirement, Hounded By Police Because Of Fight On Aggression

TOKYO, Oct. 6.—(P)—

Enfeebled Baron Kijuro Shidehara, who at 73 has been summoned as premier to lead Japan through a turnabout from feudalism to democracy, spoke out strongly against Japanese military aggression in its earliest stages.

For this, he was forced into political retirement 14 years ago. And since then he has lived under constant surveillance of the militarist dominated Japanese police.

Before the war-makers took over Japan, Shidehara had served his country as foreign minister twice, and as ambassador to Washington, ambassador to London, and interim premier. He is considered by well-informed Japanese to be fully conversant with Allied psychology.

His first announcement as new premier was a declaration that he would form a liberal cabinet capable of cooperating with the Allied occupation authorities to the fullest extent.

His hands visibly trembling but his smile firm, Shidehara goes to work with no instructions from his emperor but to do his best.

Shidehara's 50 years of government service were concerned chiefly with the country's relations abroad. Now he must direct his efforts toward straightening out its domestic affairs along lines laid down by General MacArthur.

The precisely immaculate diplomat was named foreign minister for the first time in 1924 and again in 1929. Shortly afterward he broke with the government as it became dominated by the militarists.

He was created a baron in 1920. His sole political position during his retirement as a membership in the house of peers, but he chose to remain inactive in post rather than oppose the war-makers.

Interviewed in the foreign minister's official residence where he will maintain temporary headquarters, Shidehara said the emperor "merely told me to do my best to form a new cabinet. The interview was brief. I assured him I would do my best."

It is his first important venture into domestic politics, Shidehara said, although he has been active in foreign affairs for half a century.

WHAT'S DOING

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. — USO center open to service folk visiting in the city.

MONDAY

7:30 p.m.—Board of deacons of First Baptist church meets at church.

Union, Management At Erwin Mills Fail To Get Together

By the Associated Press A breakdown of negotiations between the management of the Erwin cotton mills and union workers with the threat of a strike next Monday of 4,100 operatives, and a temporary suspension of telephone service because of the walkout of Southern Bell Telephone Co. operators represented the chief developments yesterday (Friday) in the Carolinas strike front.

Herbert Payne, representative of Textile Workers union of America (CIO) announced last night at Durham, N. C., that conferences

HOPES TO MAKE NEW REGIME TRULY LIBERAL

First Official Act Is To Reappoint Yoshida Foreign Minister

FORMS NEW CABINET

TOKYO, Oct. 6.—(P)—The trembling old hands of Baron Kijuro Shidehara, who fought Japanese military aggression from its start, today picked up the reins of Japanese government—which he said he hopes to make truly liberal.

The 73-year-old enfeebled baron was summoned dramatically from 14 years of retirement, forced upon him by the militarists whom he opposed, to become premier of Japan at its most critical point in history.

His promised Emperor Hirohito to "do my best" to form a cabinet that would meet with the approval of Allied occupation authorities. Ex-Premier Prince Higashi-Kuni and the first post-war cabinet resigned en bloc yesterday because they were unable to put into effect sweeping measures designed to substitute democratic freedom for feudalism in Japan.

Shidehara's appointment elicited a bare "no comment" from Allied command headquarters, but it was assumed that General MacArthur had been consulted before the new premier was named. Yesterday Hirohito said he would ask MacArthur's prior approval of his appointment. MacArthur's aides said the general didn't wish to make any statement approving or disapproving the selection.

YOSHIDA REAPPOINTED Shidehara's first official act was to reappoint Shigeru Yoshida foreign minister, Domei reported. Yoshida, who had stepped out with the Higashi-Kuni cabinet, was said to have accepted the reappointment.

The new premier announced that he expected to complete his cabinet within two or three days.

Shidehara was invested by the emperor at 1:22 p.m. (11:22 p.m. Friday, Eastern Standard Time).

The baron appeared at a press conference dressed in formal afternoon attire—cutaway coat, striped trousers, stiff collar—and told correspondents his appointment came as a surprise.

He said the emperor had given him no directive, but merely asked him to try to form a new cabinet.

brought him out of retirement, Shidehara said: "I don't ask the emperor 'why did you choose me?'"

Formerly Japan's ambassador to the United States, the new

KERR PRAISES WAR FUND UNIT

State Director Commends Blackley And Foresees Prompt Victory

Chester A. Kerr, of Raleigh, state director of the United War Fund, was a visitor in Shelby today to commend the organization set up by Chairman Shem K. Blackley for the community war fund drive opening Tuesday when canvassers will go forth for the county's \$23,923 part of that humanitarian fund.

Mr. Kerr was impressed with the completeness of the organization effected by Mr. Blackley and his associates and predicted a prompt response that would put the fund "over the top" well within the next two weeks. He said the campaign is shaping up well in every section and that preliminary response has been most heartening.

KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

Meanwhile, arrangements were pressed for the kick-off breakfast Tuesday at 8:30 at the Hotel Charles. Working materials for the various county chairmen went out today, while the local workers will pick up theirs at the Tuesday breakfast.

An expansion of the Patterson Springs committee was announced by Mr. Blackley who said that J. D. Ellis, Braxton Bowen and Miss Cleopatra Latham would join J. B. Lowery and J. C. Jenkins in conducting the campaign in that community and at the Sulphur Springs and Patterson Springs Baptist churches.

Motion For Retrial Of Epes To Be Nov. 2

COLUMBIA S. C., Oct. 6.—(P)—Motion for retrial of Lt. Samuel C. Epes, 27-year-old army officer of Richmond, Va., who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, will be heard Nov. 2. Arrangements for the hearing were completed by defense and prosecution officials before Judge A. L. Gaston yesterday.

Epes, son of wealthy industrialist Travis Epes, was convicted last month on a charge of "suffocating and poisoning" his pretty school-teacher wife, Mary Lee Williams Epes of Jacksonville, Fla.

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