

WEATHER

North Carolina: Clear to partly cloudy today and tonight; increasing cloudiness Friday; continued warm.

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U. S. STEEL REBUFFS TRUMAN WAGE-PRICE POLICY BRITISH SAID BRINGING MORE TROOPS INTO JAVA

SUFFICIENT TO DISARM ALL INDONESIANS

Band Of 1,000 Native Troops Beaten Off By British Forces

TENSION MOUNTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—(AP)—British Maj. Gen. E. C. Mansergh was reported by the Netherlands news agency Aneta today to have served notice on Indonesian leaders at Soerabaja, Java naval base, that he was bringing in sufficient troops to disarm all Indonesians there except an agreed upon number of police.

BATAVIA, Nov. 8.—(AP)—A band of 1,000 Indonesians was beaten off by British Indian troops and tanks today near Batavia as tension mounted throughout Java.

Almost simultaneously Dutch forces threw back another attack on the Tjililitan airfield on the southeast outskirts of the capital, scattering a band of 300 Nationalists after a pitched battle which lasted nearly an hour.

The British colonel whose troops beat back the first attack, aimed at a camp for released allied internees and war prisoners, said that for the first time the Indonesians appeared to be fighting under organized leadership.

The Indonesians left 14 dead in the battle at the internee camp. Several Indonesians and two Dutch soldiers were wounded. At the Tjililitan airfield, one Indonesian was killed, one was captured, and two Dutch soldiers were wounded.

At Majelang, near the center of Java, the inhabitants were reported to be fleeing.

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Army Discharge Points Lowered To 50 Minimum

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—The army has decided to release this month enlisted men with 50 or more discharge points who are on furlough and enlisted men on temporary duty in the United States.

It did not estimate the number affected. The army has also laid down exemptions from overseas duty which will affect about 125,000 officers and enlisted men.

Except for graduates of the military intelligence language school, regular army enlisted men and volunteers for foreign duty, no enlisted man with 21 months or more honorable service since Sept. 16, 1940, will be assigned overseas for permanent duty.

Officers with 33 months or more honorable service, or with 30 months if medical department officers, are exempt unless they are reserve officers who choose to remain on active duty, regular army officers, scarce specialists or are graduates of the military intelligence school with fewer than 39 months service and not eligible for discharge.

Army nurses with 12 points or 30 years of age are exempt and no WAC officers are being sent across on permanent assignment.



LEWIS AND MURRAY IN CONFERENCE DISPUTE—John L. Lewis (left), United Mine Workers chief, and Philip Murray (standing in picture at right), CIO president, address the Labor-Management conference in Washington with heated words which threw the meeting into a dispute over Lewis' demand for a place on the conference's executive committee. Lewis finally won his fight with the help of William Green, AFL president.—(AP Wirephoto).

NO HEALTH AID YET SECURED

Rutherford - Polk Health Board Turns Down Part-Time Request

Health boards of Polk and Rutherford counties have turned down the request of Cleveland county for the part-time services of their health officer, Dr. Ben Washburn, to serve until a permanent health officer can be secured for this county, it was learned this morning from Mayor Harry Woodson who, with Dr. B. H. Kendall, was selected to make arrangements for the temporary services of some health officer.

Mayor Woodson was in conference yesterday with Dr. B. E. Rhyne, of Gaston county in the hope that some arrangement could be made with the department in that county to furnish health service to this county. Mr. Rhyne is consulting with his board of health to see if an assignment can be made and promised to let the Cleveland authorities know by Monday.

TOO BUSY The Polk and Rutherford officials felt that Dr. Washburn is too much occupied with duties in his own counties to use his time elsewhere.

In the meantime all the venereal disease clinics in the county have been postponed until a health officer is secured. Local nurses in the health department say they are receiving reports on many new cases of tuberculosis which should be followed up.

Suggestion has been made that it may be possible to secure the part-time service of Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, former Cleveland health officer, who left here last week for Iredell county to become health officer there. When he left he indicated that if the Iredell board was willing he would be glad to help out until some permanent officer is secured. Dr. Mitchell has not been approached since he left.

AT YAMASHITA TRIAL:

25,000 Brutally Mistreated Or Murdered In Batangas

MANILA, Nov. 8.—(AP)—The grim story of a Japanese reign of terror in Batangas province where 25,000 men, women and children were brutally mistreated or murdered in seven months began to unfold today before the military commission hearing war crimes charges against Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

Thinks Military Heads Should Be Part Of Cabinet

By EDWIN B. HAAS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has expressed his belief that "the professional heads" of the armed services should sit in as ex-officio members of the President's cabinet.

The general's suggestion is included in a transcript taken by the joint chiefs of staff special committee. This group interviewed top army and navy leaders on a proposal to set up a single department of national defense.

The transcript, made public by the senate military committee which is considering Army-Navy merger plans, quoted MacArthur as saying at Leyte in the Philippines Dec. 3, 1944: "I believe that the professional heads of the services should be ex-officio members of the cabinet. They should be present at all cabinet meetings without power of voting, but permitted to express their opinion, and above all else, to hear the cabinet as they discuss not only external affairs of the United States but internal problems."

NOT POSSIBLE Brig. Gen. F. Trabee Davison, member of the Army-Navy staff committee, was quoted as telling MacArthur his suggestion was not possible "in the cabinet today the way the government is set up."

MacArthur added: "It was our forefathers who wrote"

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FLAY GIN BURNS WITH BIG LOSS

Flames Quickly Inflict Damage \$35,000 To \$40,000

Fire which flashed and spread rapidly from the press of the Flay Gin company, six miles north of Cherryville, caused loss of the entire plant together with extensive damage to 200 bales of cotton for a loss estimated at \$35,000 to \$40,000 Wednesday afternoon.

Within a few minutes after the fire broke out the entire building was aflame and the baled cotton caught rapidly from the heat of the conflagration. Gin employees barely had time to get out before the entire place was aflame, and the Lincoln fire department on its arrival found the building too far gone to warrant work other than salvaging burning bales of cotton.

Approximately half the cotton bales were removed to safety, but nearly a hundred of them suffered damage in varying degree. The modern ginning equipment was owned by Lloyd Baxter and John M. Beam who had \$5,200 insurance on the gin but no insurance on the cotton.

Throughout last night and again this morning workmen were busily engaged helping save burning cotton more than a thousand gallons of kerosene being used to soak smoldering fires out of burning bales.

No plans for rebuilding had been revealed this morning.

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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN U. S., RUSSIA SLACK

Two Nations Fail To Reach Agreement On Many Problems

BYRNES CONCERNED

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Negotiations between Moscow and Washington over a variety of problems ranging from Japan to Turkey appeared today to be farther from success than officials here had hoped.

Here is the situation: 1. Foreign Commissar Molotov has replied to an American proposal for an allied control agency in Tokyo which would be subordinate to the Far Eastern advisory commission in Washington. There are strong indications that Molotov turned down this proposal and that Secretary of State Byrnes is not inclined to compromise the issue further.

2. The United States has laid a four-point program for revising control of the Dardanelles before the Turkish government. This would give Russia some advantages in the use of the straits which she does not now have. But it falls far short of Russia's reported desire for military bases on the vital link between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.

3. A Russian-Turkish treaty of nonaggression and friendship which had run for many years expired yesterday following Soviet denunciation. Diplomatic officials say they fear that Russia may make a few psychological passes at Turkey in order to gain the right to set up Dardanelles bases and also to win over certain territories in north-eastern Turkey which the Russians have claimed.

4. The problem of the atomic bomb and peaceful uses of atomic energy.

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Police Alerted In Search For Missing Child

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—(AP)—San Francisco police alerted all California points early today to be on the lookout for two men who may have missing Dickie tum Sudan, 3, with them in a late model sedan.

Inspector Joseph Donegan broadcast the alarm after Mrs. Mildred Beer of No. 3 Pinto avenue, Park Merced, reported a three or four-year-old boy resembling the tum Sudan child had come to her door just before midnight, and was seized some time later by two men who forced their way into her home and knocked her down.

She told Donegan she heard a noise at her room and found the blue-suited youngster outside alone. She took him inside, fed him some milk and about an hour afterward called the police.

Three radio squad cars were dispatched immediately to Mrs. Beer's home in a new, suburban residential district in southwest San Francisco.

ASK COMPENSATION:

Chinese Communists Demand Apology From Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer

By Spencer Moosa

CHUNGKING, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Chinese Communists demanded today that Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, U. S. commander in China, apologize and that compensation be paid for alleged American "interference" in China's internal struggle.

The Reds also demanded that Chinese government troops withdrawn from all Red-dominated areas, as the price for peace, but asserted that the government, instead, was planning an all-out offensive for which 90 divisions already were being massed in the north.

The demand for Wedemeyer's apology was contained in one of four protesting letters sent to the American commander by the communists' Yen-an headquarters.

Spokesmen at the communist headquarters at Yen-an called "a complete lie" government claims that the nationalists have been and would remain strictly on the defensive. More than 70 government divisions have massed around "liberated areas" of Honan province, and Hopeh province is surrounded by more than 20 government divisions, the communists asserted.

Chou En-lai, Yen-an negotiator here and No. 2 Chinese communist, announced the Yen-an answer to Kuomintang peace proposals shortly after reports that the Russians had withdrawn from the Manchurian ports of Kulutao and Yingkow (Newchwang) leaving the Chinese Reds in command, heightened the already tense atmosphere.

DEMANDED WITHDRAWAL Chou said the communists demanded that the Kuomintang withdraw to positions outside the "liberated" areas before the civil fighting began and order all national government troops

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9,368,000 Bales of Cotton Indicated

Off Approximately Three Million Bales From Last Year's Production

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—The agriculture department reported today that this year's cotton crop production was indicated at 9,368,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, based on conditions prevailing Nov. 1.

This estimate compares with last year's production of 12,230,000 bales, with a 1934-43 annual average of 12,293,000 bales and with 9,779,000 bales forecast a month ago for this year's crop.

Unfavorable weather during much of the growing season adversely affected this year's crop. The indicated yield of lint cotton per acre was reported at 249.7 pounds, compared with 293.5 pounds last year and with 231 pounds for the 1934-43 average.

Cotton ginned from this year's crop prior to Nov. 1 was reported by the Census Bureau at 5,153,639 running bales (counting round as half bales). This compared with 8,282,768 bales ginned to the same date last year and 9,062,869 to the same date in 1943.

HARVESTED ACRE The indicated yield per harvested acre and the production, respectively, for cotton-producing states last year and this included: Virginia 480 and 406 pounds and 29,000 and 22,000 bales. North Carolina 454 and 360 pounds and 710,000 and 440,000 bales. South Carolina 384 and 303 pounds and 864,000 and 640,000 bales. Georgia 286 and 252 pounds and 810,000 and 650,000 bales. Tennessee 409 and 397 pounds and 562,000 and 495,000 bales. Ginnings of cotton prior to Nov. 1 in cotton producing states included: Georgia 68,335; North Carolina 207,783; South Carolina 417,514; Tennessee 170,157; Virginia 5,360.

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NO WAGE TALKS WITHOUT PRICE GUARANTEES

Price Boosts Must Be Given Simultaneously With Wage Hikes

BUS TIE-UP ENDED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—President Truman's labor-management conference boiled through a bulging agenda today, but United States Steel Corporation held the capital's attention with a sharp rebuff to Mr. Truman's wage-price policy.

Through its president, Benjamin F. Fairless, the corporation notified Secretary of Labor Schwelb that it would not resume wage talks with the CIO steel workers until it had the government's answer on steel price increases.

Fairless dashed cold water, also, on Mr. Truman's proposal that employers grant wage increases now, then wait six months before seeking a price ceiling adjustment from OPA if profits dwindled too sharply.

Fairless said if wages are boosted, additional steel price increases—beyond those already pending—will be needed and the corporation, he added, will insist on assurances from OPA that they would be granted "simultaneously" with any wage hike.

MURRAY ACCEPTS Philip Murray, president of the CIO and of the United Steel Workers, had accepted Schwelb's proposal that collective bargaining be resumed—in what Murray said was the spirit of Mr. Truman's wage-price speech last Tuesday—under a special conciliator.

This new road-block in the administration's drive for labor peace loomed just as a minor but irritating snag was cleared away—the 30-hour tie-up of all bus and streetcar service in Washington.

Delegates could again ride the trolleys to the labor-management conference, if they chose, under a 14-day truce arranged between striking AFL traction workers and the Capital Transit Company. Full service was scheduled today while wage demands are negotiated.

TWO APPROACHES On Capitol Hill, house members pursued these two legislative approaches to industrial peace: The rules committee prepared

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TELEGRAM URGES RELIEF OF COAL SHORTAGE HERE

Telegram was dispatched this morning by the Shelby chamber of commerce and Merchants association to the Solid Fuels administration at Washington urging immediate attention to the coal shortage in Shelby. Copies of the telegram went to Senator Clyde R. Hoey and Rep. A. L. Bulwinkle.

The message which was signed by J. Dale Stentz, executive secretary of the local organization read as follows: "Imperative that coal be shipped to Shelby immediately to avoid suffering and possible epidemic of sickness. Not one ton available here now. Please inform us when we may expect relief."

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Auto Workers' Wage Increase Demands Headed For Showdown

By The Associated Press The fight by CIO-United Automobile Workers to obtain 30 per cent wage increases for the nation's auto workers appeared headed for a showdown today as the last group of employees in motor's "big three" voted in favor of a work stoppage to support the union's demands.

The union yesterday flatly rejected a compromise wage adjustment program offered by General Motors Corporation at the renewal of negotiations in Detroit. Earlier GM had formally turned down an "ex-

Kamikaze Pilots Try To Assassinate Jap Home Minister

TOKYO, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Two va-grant former kamikaze pilots who waited with drawn knives in the darkened halls of the home ministry attempted vainly last night to assassinate home Minister Kenjiro Horikiri.

The 61-year-old minister, attacked as he returned from addressing a meeting of police chiefs on the increase of crime and "chaotic" conditions in Japan, was not injured. The assailants were taken in custody.