

WEATHER

North Carolina: Fair and a little warmer today, Sunday partly cloudy and mild, followed by colder in west portion Sunday afternoon.

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BRITISH WILL BRING REINFORCEMENTS INTO JAVA

High Command Expected West Coast Plane Factories To Be Hit

ACTUAL STRIKE LEAST LIKELY OF ALL PLACES

Marshall Testifies They Assumed Guam, Wake Would Be Taken WEAK ON DEFENSES

By J. W. Davis WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The U. S. high command expected the Japanese to bomb airplane factories in Seattle, Wash., and San Diego, Calif., rather than Pearl Harbor, in 1941, Gen. George C. Marshall disclosed today.

Questioned by the joint Congressional Pearl Harbor investigating committee, the wartime chief of staff testified that he and other high officers thought this way early in December, 1941: "I assumed Guam would be taken, probably Wake, though taking Wake Island would be more difficult. There was a possibility that an effort would be made to strike at the Panama Canal, our air plants in Seattle and San Diego."

Marshall said he thought "the most improbable" form of the Japanese assault would be what actually happened—a blow at Hawaii. At that time the aircraft industry on the west coast was starting to reach high production although quantity had not yet reached the armed forces.

FIVE KILLED IN CAR WRECK

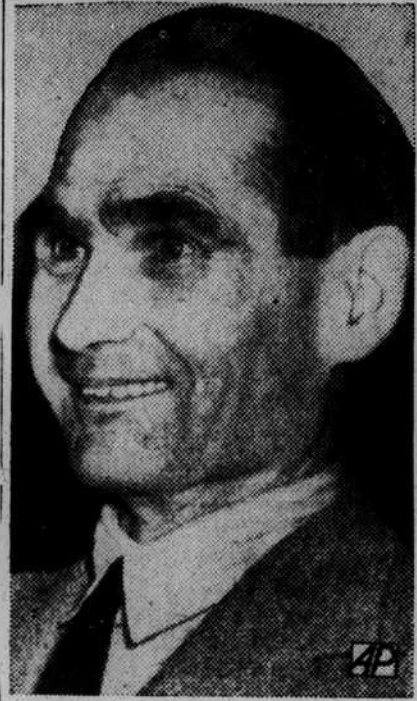
MEBANE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Mebane police officers reported today that five persons were killed and one seriously hurt late last night when an automobile ran into the rear of a tobacco truck on Highway 119 north of here. Police identified the dead, all of the Mebane area, as Jack Finley, Polly Sue Warren, Mel Dixon and two girls named George whose given names were not known. Ben Dixon, brother of Mel, was seriously hurt.

First War Criminal Trials Of Pacific Area Start Dec. 17

TOKYO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The army announced officially today that the first war criminal trials will begin Dec. 17 in Yokohama and will be for Japanese accused of atrocities against American prisoners of war. The trials will be heard by an American military tribunal. Approximately 300 Japanese military and civilian personnel will be tried in this category of "atrocious" crimes.

Stassen, Bricker Tops As GOP Presidential Possibilities

By JACK BELL Associated Press Political News Editor CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The names of Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota and John W. Bricker of Ohio popped up most in lobby conversations about a 1948 GOP ticket as the Republican National committee prepared to act today on a congressional declaration of party policy. A resolutions committee headed by veteran Rep. Carroll Reece of Tennessee scheduled a meeting to consider the interim platform,



HESS LAUGHS AT TRIAL—Rudolf Hess, No. 3 Nazi, breaks into a laugh Nov. 30 at a stage of the International War Crimes trial in the Nuremberg Palace of Justice. Twenty high-ranking Nazis are in the prisoner's dock at the trial. Hess was recently ruled sane. (AP Wirephoto).

COMMUNISTS LAUNCH DRIVE

Report 6 U. S. Fliers, Forced Down In Their Territory, Returned By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNGKING, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Chinese communists today announced that six American fliers who made a forced landing in communist territory last Nov. 1 have been returned to Tientsin, and reported simultaneously the beginning of a 100,000-man central government offensive in Shansi and Honan provinces.

The American airmen were accorded "good treatment" while in communist territory, although, the Reds added, they had "previously strafed communists and dropped intimidating handbills over communist-held towns in central Honan province." Names of the fliers have not been announced. They were returned to American-guarded Tientsin, said the communists as a sign of "Sino-American friendship."

TO BE RETURNED Their plane, forced down 70 miles southwest of Tientsin, will be returned as soon as U. S. officers claim it. The reported national government offensive, communists said, began with the massing of 100,000 men along the Lunghai railroad between Chenghsien and Tungkuang—bolstered by well-armed Japanese. Vanguards of these government and Japanese forces already have begun to clear the Yellow river in their alleged offensive against "liberated" areas of southern Shansi and northern Honan provinces, the communists reported. Two nationalist columns reportedly succeeded in joining at Yungchang on the Tatung-Puchow

WHAT'S DOING

SUNDAY 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.—USO center open to service folk visiting in the city. 8 p.m.—Joint church service for all churches in city, to be held at First Baptist church, with high school glee club presenting cantata. MONDAY 7 p.m.—Elders and deacons of Presbyterian church meet at the church.

amid indications party leaders are set to squelch any possible criticism or additions. Clarence Budington Kelland, Arizona member, told reporters he wants the national committee to supplement First Baptist church, and representatives had to say. But the betting odds were long that he would be unsuccessful in this effort. Kelland had some support in the move, however. Walter S. Hallanan of West Virginia said he

GM UNION DELEGATES TO DISCUSS STRIKE

Wage Dispute Only "Few Cents Nearer Solution" Today MONOPOLY CHARGED

DETROIT, Dec. 8.—(AP)—General Motors local union delegates from 20 states convened in Detroit today (10 A. M. EST) to review a wage dispute that appeared only a few cents nearer solution than when their recommendations led to the widespread GM strike 18 days ago. The 200 members of the national GM council were summoned into session by the International CIO United Auto Workers specifically to consider President Truman's back-to-work plea. But there was no doubt that all developments since the walkouts of 125,000 workers began would be given a thorough going over.

The latest on these was the justice department's assurance that it was looking into the union's charges that General Motors holds a "monopoly position" in the automobile industry because of the dependence of other firms on GM for engine fuel pumps and other car parts. General Motors has not commented on the investigation, which was requested after the corporation asked the union to relax its strike to permit production of parts for rival, but dependent, automotive companies. CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE The UAW's conditional acceptance of this plan was expected to rank high on the national GM council's agenda. A letter appear-

LOCATION UNO HOME TALKED

Cities In United States And Europe Bid For Permanent Site LONDON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Preparatory commission delegates plunged deeper today into the argument over establishing the United Nations permanent home in the United States or Europe, while a sub-committee resumed hearings on offers from American cities for the world capital site.

Delegations from Miami, Fla., Hyde Park, N. Y., and the state of Indiana appeared before the sub-committee to advance arguments for selection of respective localities as the world organization's permanent home. Meanwhile, a general committee of the United Nations preparatory commission argued the main issue: Should the world capital be in the United States or Europe? THREE-TO-ONE Although 14 members of the executive committee, including Russia, have recommended selection of the United States, opening arguments yesterday gave European supporters a three-to-one edge. However, delegates supporting the United States were still optimistic over chances of winning the necessary two-thirds majority.

The swing of Canada and Poland, along with Greece, to the European side yesterday came as a surprise to most delegates. The Arab states appeared to hold the deciding votes, and their stand is expected to reflect where they expect to receive support on other conference issues.

13 SHOPPING DAYS Left Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS



SAYS BORMANN DIED—Capt. Hanna Reitsch (above), German aviatrix who flew the last Nazi plane out of Berlin, has told U. S. counter intelligence men that Martin Bormann, being tried in absentia for war crimes, joined in a death pact with Hitler a few hours before the German capital fell. (AP Wirephoto).

17 DIE WHEN C-47 CRASHES

15 Of Dead Are Army Men, Several Under Discharge Orders BILLINGS, MONT., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Fifteen army men, several of them under discharge orders, and two northwest airlines pilots were reported killed early today during a snowstorm when their west-bound plane, a C-47, crashed and burned one mile west of Billings in a field.

Names of the dead are being withheld by army authorities and air lines officials until next-of-kin are notified. Eight men were taken to a Billings hospital, where two of them, the plane's pilot and co-pilot, died shortly afterward. Of the 23 on the plane six escaped death, but were said by hospital attendants to be in critical condition. The pilot was found pinned beneath the motor when police arrived at the scene at 2:15 a.m. (MST). The crash occurred about 2:10 a. m. when the army plane, approaching the Billings Municipal airport for a landing, apparently

Eichelberger On Way To Asheville

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commander of the American Eighth army, en route yesterday to his home in Asheville, told reporters: "Cleaning up Japan means just that. We had to de-flea and de-louse everything. Even around Tokyo. We've got stoves, roofs, and showers for the boys." The general will return to Japan Dec. 31 to take command of the occupation forces.



BYRNES SIGNS LOAN DOCUMENT—Secretary of State Byrnes (second from right) signs agreement for a \$4,400,000,000 loan to Great Britain by the United States during a ceremony at the state department in Washington, D. C. Left to right: Lord Keynes, chief adviser to the British financial mission which negotiated the loan; Earl of Halifax, British Ambassador to the U. S., Byrnes, and U. S. Secretary of Treasury Fred Vinson. (AP Wirephoto).

Big Three Ministers Will Meet In Moscow To Talk Atomic Energy

By John M. Hightower WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Big Three among world powers will make their first joint approach to the ominous subject of atomic energy control at a meeting of United States, British and Russian foreign secretaries in Moscow December 15.

An official announcement by the state department said that "an exchange of views on the subject of the control of atomic energy" definitely will be held. The secretaries also will take up other matters of "current concern" to their governments. Secretary of State Byrnes will have to leave by early next week in order to meet Foreign Minister Bevin of Britain and Foreign Commissar Molotov of Russia on the agreed date. Problems which they may discuss include the civil strife in Iran, allied controls for Japan, the unification of China, and means of getting European peace plans back on the track, although the announcement last night did not specify these as discussion topics. RUSSIA'S VIEWS Pending an agreement on when and how to hold a European peace conference, political reconstruction of the continent has been delayed. A troublesome issue has been whether the United States and Britain eventually will recognize governments for Rumania and Bulgaria which Russia considers acceptable. The meeting will afford the first

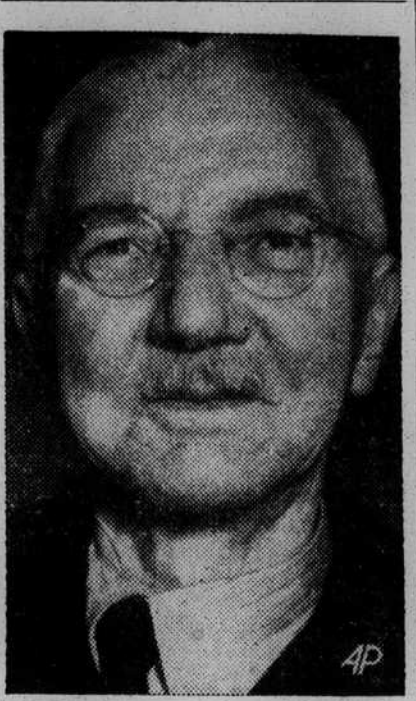
Forecast Of Cotton Production Drops

Present Indicated Yield 9,195,000 Against Prediction of 9,368,000, Month Ago WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The agriculture department today reported the indicated production of cotton this year at 9,195,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

This estimate compares with 9,368,000 bales forecast a month ago, with 12,230,000 bales produced in 1944 and with an average production of 12,290,000 bales for the 1934-43 period. The department reported the acreage harvested at 17,688,000 acres compared with 20,009,000 last year and with the 1934-43 average of 25,616,000. The yield of lint cotton per acre was estimated at 249.6 pounds compared with 293.5 pounds last year and with the ten-year average of 231. The production of cottonseed was indicated at 3,703,000 tons, compared with 4,902,000 last year and with the ten-year average of 5,175,000.

SEEK CONTROLS ON BUILDING

Administration Concerned Lest Homes Not Get Their Share WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Unseasonal gains in construction activity were reported today as the White House worked on new controls intended to guarantee small homes a share in the building boom. In addition to restoring priorities over building materials, President Truman said yesterday some sort of price control over real estate are needed. Otherwise he foresees inflation, especially in the cost of smaller residences. This swing to controls which were scrapped less than two months ago gained impetus from a report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It showed that a "surge" of city building got under way in October, the month when building controls were lifted, but that new dwellings accounted for little more than a third of the total new construction. The report added: "Since there are no longer any restrictions on home construction, more houses are being built in the higher price brackets." Mr. Truman told his news conference he did not yet know just how the restoration of priorities would be applied but that the plan was to see that building materials



SCHACHT IS AMUSED—Hjalmar Schacht, who was the master-mind behind German finances, smiles in the dock at Nuremberg, Germany, during his war crimes trial with other high Nazis. (AP Wirephoto)

PLANES LOOK FOR LOST MEN

Intensified Search For Missing 27 Goes Into Third Day MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Every army, navy and coast guard plane that can be spared for search duty was ordered into the air today for a third day of intensified effort to locate 27 men missing at sea aboard six navy aircraft. An entire formation of five torpedo bombers with 14 men aboard

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Navy announced that flares and a large fire were seen 20 mi. east in the desolate marshlands between Melbourne and Orlando shortly after 2 a. m. today and said search crews were being rushed to the scene in the hope of finding some survivors of 27 missing airmen. was swallowed up while on a practice flight Wednesday at dusk, and a big Martin air-sea rescue craft that winged in search of them also disappeared. It carried a crew of 13. 100,000 SQUARE MILES An armada of 252 planes which combed 100,000 square miles of the Atlantic yesterday was checked and refueled to take to the air again at dawn today. Eighteen surface craft have maintained continuous day and night search, and some long range bombers stayed in the air during darkness in hopes of sighting flares. Today's search area was extended 100 miles to an offshore distance of 350 miles, extending eastward from Palm Beach and St. Augustine. Hope was not abandoned, but the navy yesterday released the crew's names and listed them as missing.

MERCURY DROPS BELOW FREEZING

Dropping below the freezing point for the first time in several nights, the mercury went down to 27 degrees last night. A low of 31 degrees and a high of 60 was registered yesterday. The thermometer was on its way up again this morning with sunshine flooding the countryside. The sun will take a rest behind clouds tomorrow, according to the official forecast but mild temperatures will still prevail.

Appeals Denied

HERFORD, Germany, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery today rejected all appeals of Belsen concentration camp defendants and ordered Commander Josef Kramer, blonde Irma Grese and nine other officials of the Belsen and Oswiecim camps to be hanged.

CRACKING JAP CODE:

Hottest Secret Of War Was Capital Cocktail Bar Talk By TOM REEDY WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The hottest secret of the war—that the U. S. had cracked the Japanese code—was cocktail bar gossip in Washington and Tokyo never got wise. Army officers spoke "carelessly" of it. One man employed as a code cracker tried to sell it. Fliers in the Pacific theater deduced it. Sitting on top of the powder keg was General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, getting grayer by the minute. Marshall told Pearl Harbor investigators in congress how one thing after another turned up to give him the military creeps. It came out yesterday when he was explaining how he heard Governor Thomas E. Dewey knew the secret and feared it might become public during the presidential campaign. Dewey kept silent at Marshall's urgent plea. CARELESS TALK The general said he didn't know how the information got to Dewey. But— Reports came to Marshall that army officers were "talking care-

DETERMINED TO REESTABLISH DUTCH RULE

Means End To Efforts To Work Out Compromise With Indonesians USE DUTCH TROOPS

By Vern Haugland BATAVIA, JAVA, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Highest authorities said today the British had decided to bring whatever additional forces might be needed into Java to restore order and reestablish Dutch sovereignty in the Netherlands East Indies. The decision, which would end the British policy of dealing with Indonesian independence leaders in an effort to work out a compromise, was said to have been reached at the Singapore conferences this week between Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten and British, French and Dutch commanders. A fully informed source who cannot be quoted by name said the new plan called for use of a large number of Dutch troops as well as British reinforcements. The Dutch, this source said, would hold various objectives after they were taken by the British. (In London, a British foreign office spokesman declined to comment on the report, saying the situation was in the hands of the British commander in Java.) REPORT TO HAGUE British attacks against Indonesian nationalists in the Ambarawa area, continued today, while in Batavia a new Indonesian newspaper asserted that Hubertus J. Van Mook, acting governor general of the Netherlands East Indies, had received a "peremptory order" to report to the Hague. (The Dutch news agency Aneta said six Royal Air Force Thunderbolts bombed and strafed two points south of Ambarawa in the Semarang area of Central Java, where Indonesian forces were suspected of concentration. (The dispatch from Batavia said the aircraft dropped leaflets first, giving the "peaceable population" 13 minutes notice to take cover. Returning pilots were quoted as saying targets were bombed accurately.) Dutch officials declined to comment on the report of the Eng-

Captain Of Jap Sub To Testify In Trial Of McVay

TOKYO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Kyodo news agency said today that commander Ike Hashimoto, captain of the submarine I. 58, left by plane yesterday for Washington to testify in the court martial trial of Capt. Charles B. McVay, skipper of the cruiser Indianapolis—which was sunk, Kyodo said, by Hashimoto's sub. American authorities requested Hashimoto's attendance as a witness, Kyodo reported.

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