

WEATHER

Light rain on the coast and light freezing drizzle in the interior will end over west portion by noon and over east portion late afternoon.

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THIRD CIO COUNTRY-WIDE STRIKE IS THREATENED

Commons Ratifies Bretton Woods Monetary Stabilization Pact

Pearl Harbor Probe Hits Snags As Committee And Chairman Plan To Quit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(P)—The Pearl Harbor investigation hit two big snags today which threatened its future.

First the entire legal staff of the joint senate-house probe committee asked to withdraw from the case.

Then the committee's chairman, Senator Barkley (D-Ky) said he was thinking of resigning his post in the inquiry.

Both cited the widening scope of the investigation and the prospect of a prolonged sitting as a factor.

This pair of completely unexpected developments posed the question of how the investigation would continue. It had been planned to conclude it by January 3, but William D. Mitchell, chief counsel of the committee, said there were at least 60 more witnesses. Months would be required to examine them, he estimated.

Republican members of the committee sat in silence as their Democratic colleagues discussed the problem without reaching any immediate solution.

EARLY IN JANUARY
The legal staff offered to help any new counsel the committee might secure, but Mitchell said that he and his aides could not remain longer than the early part of January.

ACTS WITHOUT DISSENT ON THIRD READING

One Of Conditions Laid Down By U. S. For Loan To Britain

TO HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(P)—The house of commons today gave final ratification to the Bretton Woods monetary stabilization pact, approval of which was one of the conditions laid down by the United States for a loan of \$4,400,000,000 to Britain.

The measure was passed without dissent on its third and last reading and went at once to the house of lords. The action came barely 14 hours after Commons had approved the terms of the loan by a vote of 345 to 98.

The Bretton Woods bill was rushed through its second reading last night by a vote of 314 to 50. Under British parliamentary procedure the second reading generally determines whether a bill will pass. The third reading is committed to the consideration on possible amendments preparatory to sending the measure to the lords.

A sharp debate, punctuated by personal clashes between labor and conservative leaders, preceded the vote on the loan terms. Led by former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, many conservatives abstained from voting and drew caustic criticism from Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who headed the government's fight for loan approval.

PARTY DUEL
Bevin and Churchill duelled on the Commons floor in debate over acceptance of the loan terms. The war-time prime minister declared: "I certainly am of the opinion (the conservatives) could have got better terms."

Bevin termed Churchill's assertion a "libel on the administration of the United States."

Churchill asked his conservative adherents to refrain from voting, warning that a heavy op-

MAIN HIGHWAYS CLEAR OF SNOW, GROUND CRUSTED

With the mercury constantly below freezing last night, snow fell in the soft drifts here yesterday crusted over and appeared as if it might be a permanent winter fixture. The main highways were practically cleared of ice in this area however and motorists could proceed with caution. The State Highway and Public Works commission's maintenance department was on the job with road machines soon after the snow began falling and its feat of keeping the highways in this area passable was the admiration of all those who were forced to travel.

Telephone traffic which rose to such a high peak yesterday morning had settled nearly back to normalcy today as folk began to take the weather as a matter of course.

The thermometer never registered above freezing all day yesterday and dropped to a low of 24. A light freezing drizzle was predicted for today followed by clearing weather this afternoon and tonight. The forecast indicated, continually moderate cold weather with slightly higher temperatures by Saturday afternoon.

Administration Determined To Guard Against Inflation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(P)—Signs multiplied today that the administration sees trouble ahead—mainly inflation trouble—unless it braces some of its wartime controls.

The government prepared to celebrate the fifth month of peace starting tomorrow by putting back to work part of its discarded priority machinery.

The decision to restore priority control over building materials in an effort to boost the construction of sorely needed houses is the latest in a series of moves tokening a firmer government grip on



RECEIVES COVETED AWARD—Chancellor J. W. Harrelson of N. C. State College, left, native of Cleveland county, is pictured as he presented the college's 1945 Alumni Award for Meritorious Service to R. D. Beam, of Raleigh, director of foundations at State College and former trust officer of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Beam, also a native of Shelby and a 1926 honor graduate of State College, was selected by the Alumni Association's Executive Committee to receive the honor because of his work in bringing about an increase in the lifetime memberships in the association from 20 to 77, for securing a number of annual memberships, for obtaining a considerable amount of advertisements for The State College News, monthly alumni magazine, and for aiding in the formation of the State College Foundation, Inc.

License Granted For Radio Station Here

250 Watt Station To Be Operated By Locally Owned Company Organized Two Years Ago

A radio license was granted this morning in Washington by the Federal Communications Commission for a 250 watt radio station to be operated on 730 KC (clear channel) by the Western Carolina Radio Corporation, a locally owned company organized two years ago.

The application for license has been pending before the commission for 14 months. All applications were held up because of a shortage in materials and a "freeze" order was lifted two months ago and now the commission has resumed granting franchises.

An eight-acre site for a 300 foot tower has been purchased from Oren Hamrick on the edge of the city limits on West Warren street and it is planned to erect the studio on this site, where the tower and transmitter will be located.

PROBE DEATHS, CREMATIONS

Striking Similarity Between Deaths Of Four Elderly Women

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(P)—District Attorney Edmund Brown today spearheaded a nation-wide investigation of the strikingly similar deaths and cremations of four elderly women, whose names have been linked with that of Alfred Leonard Cline, ex-convict under arrest here.

Brown asked police in Macon, Ga., Portland, Los Angeles, Jacksonville, Fla., and Dallas to send officers here to confer on the widely-separated aspects of the case.

Three of the four women left property exceeding \$300,000 in value. One — Mrs. Eva Delora Krebs of Chicago—left her entire estate to Cline, Attorney Frank Ward said at Columbus, O. Cash and securities totaling more than \$200,000 were recovered Wednesday from her safety deposit box there.

ALL CREMATED
Cline has stated Mrs. Krebs died as his wife in Portland in November, 1944, and was cremated. Cline is held here on a charge of suspected forgery of papers.

Another application is in process of preparation by the company's attorneys Dow, Lohnes and Albertson and by Radio Engineer George Davis of Washington for an FM franchise to operate in conjunction with the standard AM station.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS VOTE FOR WALKOUT

General Electric, Westinghouse, General Motors Affected

AFTER JANUARY 1

By The Associated Press
A threat of another huge country-wide strike, involving some 200,000 CIO electrical workers employed in plants of three big corporations, darkened the nation's already-gloomy labor picture today.

Following the pattern set by CIO workers in the steel and automotive industries, CIO employees in plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and the Electrical Division of General Motors yesterday voted almost five to one in favor of a work stoppage to enforce demands for a \$2 a day wage increase.

The strike of the union workers in the plants of the country's three largest manufacturers of electrical equipment in 75 industrial centers in 16 states, said a union spokesman, would not be called until after Jan. 1. Returns of yesterday's vote, reported by the National Labor Relations Board, showed to date 86,794 workers in favor of a walkout and 18,216 against. Complete returns were expected later today.

The CIO United Auto Workers, currently engaged in wage negotiations with the automotive industry's "Big Three" have about 175,000 workers on strike at General Motors plants in support of a demand for a 30 per cent wage rate hike. The CIO United Steel Workers Union, seeking a \$2 a day pay boost for about 700,000 members, has called a strike for Jan. 14. Officials of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers estimated that yesterday's strike vote would mean a walkout of 200,000 workers.

PROBE DEATHS, CREMATIONS

Current labor disputes continued to idle some 400,000 workers. Meanwhile, in Detroit, the CIO-UAW prepared to resume wage negotiations with Ford Motor company officials as a General Motors company official predicted the 24-day old strike at its plants might continue for six weeks longer.

Byrnes Expected To Reach Moscow Today

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 14.—(P)—U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, enroute to Moscow for a conference with Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, made a brief stop in Frankfurt today.

Shortly after arriving here from Paris, his plane took off for Berlin, where Byrnes will make another stop before going on to Moscow.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY
7:00 p.m.— Executives club meets at Hotel Charles.
8:00 p.m.—Company K reunion at armory.

AT NUERNBERG TRIAL:

6,000,000 European Jews Said Ruthlessly Wiped Out

By DANIEL DE LUCE
NUERNBERG, Dec. 14.—(P)—Six million European Jews were ruthlessly slaughtered in the Nazi campaign of extermination, said German secret police estimates placed today before the international military tribunal trying 21 of Hitler's top leaders on war crimes charges.

'Beast Of Belsen' And Ten Of His Gang Hanged Yesterday For Crimes

HAMBURG, GERMANY, Dec. 14.—(P)—Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters announced today that Josef Kramer, the "Beast of Belsen," and ten others of the Belsen gang, including blonde Irma Grese, were hanged yesterday for committing crimes at the notorious concentration camp.

The executions were carried out at the Hamelin by Pierrepont, official British hangman.

The 11 condemned to death were moved from Luebnburg's jail to the ancient prison on the banks of the Weser river at Hamelin five days ago. The gallows were built by the Royal engineers.

Foreigners In China To Be Repatriated

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, Dec. 14.—(P)—All Germans and Austrians in China, including Jews, will be repatriated unless they obtain permission of the ministries of foreign affairs and interior to remain in the country, it was announced officially today. Pending repatriation, they will be interned unless they produce "valuable guarantees," either Chinese or foreign.

All such nationals who were suspected of spying, sabotage, or collaboration with the Japanese during the war will be punished according to Chinese law, the government statement added.

The decisions, which affect approximately 20,000 European Jews in Shanghai alone, were drawn up by the ministry of foreign affairs and approved by the executive Yuan Nov. 27, the announcement explained.

REPORT ARMS
German nationals must report possession of arms or other articles of military value, or in areas designated by the Chinese government—provided the missionaries are "guaranteed" by responsible officials of their churches.

STAFF SET FOR HOMMA TRIAL

MANILA, Dec. 14.—(P)—A six-man staff, headed by Lt. Col. Frank E. Meek, Caldwell, Ida, was named today by the war crimes branch of U. S. army forces in the Pacific to prosecute Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma on charges of condoning atrocities including the death of six men.

Homma's indictment probably will be returned Dec. 18 and his trial will begin about Jan. 7.

Staff Set For Homma Trial

TOKO, Dec. 14.—(P)— Allied headquarters today ordered the Japanese government to answer these questions:

"Was Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma the supreme commander of the Japanese forces of whatever branch, whenever those forces were on the land in the Philippines?"

"Did Homma have supreme command over the Japanese air forces in the Philippines?"

Fall Of Tabriz Is Believed Imminent

Rebellious Tribesmen Attacking Largest City In Iran's Province Of Azerbaijan

TEHRAN, Dec. 14.—(P)—A high government source said today that the fall of Tabriz, largest city in Iran's northwestern province of Azerbaijan, to rebellious tribesmen was imminent.

PATTON OUT OF DANGER

General Past Critical Stage But Paralysis Unimproved

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 14.—(P)—Col. R. Glen Spurling, chief specialist attending Gen. Geo. S. Patton, jr., said today the American commander was "out of danger of death, but there was a possibility that he never would be able to command his troops again."

He described Patton's condition as a touch and go affair. He said the general might recover fully from the broken neck received in an automobile crash last Sunday, but again that he might be partly paralyzed for life.

Spurling said it would be impossible to forecast the effects of Patton's injuries for at least three or four weeks.

This morning's medical bulletin said Patton's condition was excellent. It stated:

"Temperature 99, pulse 64, respiration 24," said the announcement. "The patient had a comfortable night, alert and cheerful. Scalp wounds are healing normally. Condition excellent. Neurological status unchanged."

Carr Resigns As District Attorney, Succeeded By Rouse

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(P)—President Truman accepted today the resignation of James O. Carr as United States attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, a post to which C. F. Rouse of Kinston, N. C., was confirmed last Monday.

The White House announcement said Carr asked to be relieved because of ill health.

CHRISTMAS BONUSES GREENSBORO—(P)—The Burlington Mills Corporation will pay Christmas bonuses amounting to \$500,000 this year to all its plant employees and those still in the armed forces, L. A. Stadler, vice-

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