

WEATHER

North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Saturday, becoming colder tonight. Light rain today and tonight; rain in east Saturday forenoon.

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GM HAS WITHDRAWN FROM FACT-FINDING HEARINGS

Nine Killed In Outburst Of Bombings And Gunfire In Jerusalem

TIGHT CURFEW ENFORCED BY BRITISH TROOPS

Thousands In Curfew Area Confined To Homes; Business Halted DISORDERS PROBED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28.—(P)—Helmeted British Tommies enforced a tight curfew in municipal and Jewish residential quarters of this uneasy city today while investigations began of bombings and gunfire which last night killed at least nine persons and injured 11.

Business was almost at a standstill. Thousands of persons in the curfew area were confined to their homes. Local telephone communications went out after 6 a.m. and some morning newspapers did not appear.

Early in the day truckloads of civilians were seen rumbling up to detention barracks for questioning in connection with the bombings which destroyed the criminal investigation department headquarters.

Only British forces and government officials were exempt from the curfew, and police trucks, radio cars and military vehicles patrolled the streets to enforce it.

Both here and in Tel Aviv, where the whole city is under curfew, parachute troopers armed with machineguns stood guard, some in concealed rooftop positions.

SEEK BODIES Squads of workmen dug through piles of rubble at the headquarters in Jerusalem, where seven persons were officially reported killed and 11 injured either by gunfire or in a series of heavy explosions which damaged a three-block area in the heart of the city.

Eye witnesses were quoted as saying that six young men—some carrying pistols, some bomb-filled haversacks—shot their way to the gates of the police building, where they placed explosives which turned the place into a shambles.

At the same time, terrorists attacked district police headquarters in Tel Aviv, scene of riots last month in which nine Jews were killed, and attempted a raid on the royal engineers arms store at an exhibition grounds north of the city a communique said.

CURFEW DECREED An 11 p.m. curfew was decreed for a large part of Jerusalem as the military commander attempted to forestall a recurrence of riots between Arabs and Jews.

The first explosion in Jerusalem occurred at 7:23 p.m., and initial reports said that bombs were believed to have been thrown from an automobile.

The heaviest blast was at the police building housing the criminal department, which borders on Jaffa road, the main street in the modern part of the city.

FUEL SITUATION HERE IMPROVED

A check with local coal dealers this morning revealed that the fuel situation in Shelby has improved somewhat since the first of December with a small increase in shipments noted, but at the same time a greater demand for coal has been brought about by snow and colder weather.

Dealers are still striving vainly to apportion their small quantities of coal among their customers as orders continue to pour in. The small allotments per customer do not last very long, and before dealers can get around with their service, the previously served customers return with more orders, having already used up their small supplies.

Stoker coal is being used in grates and heaters, but with not very much satisfaction. Dealers are still limited to the 80 per cent quota, and much relief of the situation was not viewed as likely before next spring, leaving Shelby with the prospect of spending a cold winter. Wood is being used wherever possible, but it was reported this morning to be scarce also.



RELATIVES OF TRAPPED MINERS WAIT AND WATCH—Huddled around a bonfire, relatives wait and watch at the mouth of the No. 1 mine of the Kentucky Straight Creek coal company near Pineville, Ky., for word of their menfolk trapped far back in the mine by an explosion. Between 30 and 50 miners went to work in the shafts shortly before the explosion. No word has been heard from any of them. Many veteran miners expressed the belief all had been killed. (AP Wirephoto).

MINE RESCUERS FIND BIG FIRES

Have Reached Point Where They May Begin Finding Bodies

PINEVILLE, KY., Dec. 28.—(P)—Rescue crews trying to reach more than 30 coal miners trapped early Wednesday by an underground explosion today said on emerging from the pit that they faced their biggest fire yet encountered.

The weary men said a big timber fire was raging worse than any they put out thus far.

The rescue squad said they were at least 1,500 feet from the actual scene of the blast but they were at the point where they may begin to find some bodies at any time.

As the search for the miners, entombed in the number one mine of the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal company, entered its third day, new fire fighting crews were being called from the surrounding counties to relieve the exhausted toilers.

Efforts to reach the trapped men were hampered by blockades of fallen rock.

Low, Medium Priced Furniture To Be Back By Spring

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(P)—Return to market by spring of low and moderately priced furniture was predicted by the OPA today.

The agency made this forecast in formally putting into effect a program designed to cut current furniture prices substantially.

OPA announced that furniture dealers will be required to absorb up to the first 12 per cent of price increases ranging from four to 20 per cent granted to manufacturers.

The agency said that as a result of this, 1942 retail prices for most inexpensive furniture, kinds which virtually disappeared from the market during the war, may go up about five per cent on the average.

For medium priced furniture, also scarce during the war, "1942 consumer prices should hold," OPA said.

1946 To Be Political Year For All Offices In County

Cleveland county turns into a political year next Tuesday with all hands on deck and every county office but one, register of deeds, subject to the will of the electorate.

It is yet two or three months too early for any formal announcement of candidacies to be made for the Democratic primary but a glimmer can be detected in the eyes of some newcomers on the scene and incumbents are beginning to think.

With the exception of one office, Recorder's court judge, it is

Communists' Truce Proposal Is Considered

By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.—(P)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is considering Chinese communists' proposal for an unconditional truce and an official reply probably will be issued at a formal meeting of government and communist representatives tomorrow, a government spokesman announced today.

The spokesman, however, was critical of the offer. He complained that any plan freezing both sides in present positions would leave untouched "two very important matters," the restoration of communications and disarmament and repatriation of Japanese forces. These were the jobs which Chinese government troops were moved north to do.

Government delegates to the forthcoming peace conference participated last night in "an important meeting" of the supreme national defense council, the Chinese press reported today. It gave no details, however.

Gen. Chu Teh, Red commander-in-chief, told Roderick that he felt "very optimistic" over the future of democracy in China.

Parker Leaves Tonight For Return Trip To Nuernberg

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—(P)—Judge John J. Parker was scheduled to leave tonight by train for Washington on the first leg of his return trip to the war crimes trial at Nuernberg, Germany.

Judge Parker, who came home by plane to spend the Christmas holidays with his family in Charlotte, will fly to Paris from Washington and then to Nuernberg.

Coal Situation In Piedmont Easing

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—(P)—J. Arthur Eagle, president of the North Carolina Coal Dealers association, today reported easing of the coal shortage in the western part of the state.

South Carolinians Fatally Injured In Car Accident

ELLOREE, S. C., Dec. 28.—(P)—Andrew J. Bethea, 66, lieutenant governor of South Carolina from 1915 to 1919, and Arthur U. Adams, 52, Columbia business man, were fatally injured early today when the car in which they were returning from Charleston to Columbia went off the highway and plunged into a swamp about a mile from here.

Two other Columbians, R. P. McCauley and Wade H. Coker, who were also in the car, were injured and were at the Tri-County hospital at Orangeburg, where the former's condition was "poor."

Hurricane Sweeps English Coasts

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(P)—A violent 90-mile-an-hour hurricane swept the south and southeast coast of England today, washing mines ashore and making the channel impassable.

Lifeboats braved raging seas to aid three admiralty vessels in distress.

London had its first snow flurries of the winter.

VALMORE CREW REACHES LAND

Schooner Reported Missing Christmas Day Off Southport

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 28.—(P)—Cold, hungry and utterly exhausted, four men rowed a small dory into New River inlet, North Carolina, at 5 a.m. today, after a trip of 64 miles through stormy seas, Coast Guard headquarters here reported.

The men were the crew of the schooner Valmore which sank at 8 p.m. on Christmas day. The Valmore had been listed as missing since Tuesday off the North Carolina coast and an intensive search had been conducted for her by the Coast Guard.

The craft was enroute from New York to Florida with the four-man crew. She sank about 25 miles southeast of Southport, N. C., but this was not known until the crew arrived on shore today.

AUXILIARY YAWL Meanwhile the Coast Guard at Charleston, S. C., reported today that a 32-foot auxiliary yawl, the Midget, with Will A. Gubich (address unknown) aboard, has been reported missing off the South Carolina coast.

Search for the Midget was continuing today.

The schooner Dunworkin, which took the Valmore in tow on Tuesday after finding the schooner in distress with her sails torn, was totally wrecked, according to today's report from Wilmington, N. C. In heavy seas she had to cut the Valmore loose, and she herself went aground on Wrightsville Beach.

Successor To Ervin To Be Named In Special Election

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—(P)—Governor Cherry is expected to designate a date in the near future for a special election to select a successor for the late Joe W. Ervin, congressman from the tenth N. C. District.

Cherry said he would like to dispose of the matter this week, if possible.

However, earliest time for the actual voting is expected to be early in February, informed sources said today.

Ervin was found dead Christmas day in the gas-filled kitchen of his Washington home.

Democratic Executive Committee To Discuss Successor To Ervin

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—(P)—Wade H. Lefler, chairman of the Tenth District Democratic executive committee, said today a meeting would be held in Newton early next week, possibly Monday, to make plans for nominating a party candidate for the House seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Joe Ervin Christmas day.

Will Other Nations Be Allowed To Witness Army-Navy Atomic Bomb Tests?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(P)—The forthcoming army-navy test of atomic bombs at sea poses a military-diplomatic question for the United States.

Should the precedent of the 1923 airpower-vs-warships experiment be followed to permit foreign observers to attend?

REDS FAVOR UNO CURBS ON ATOMIC ENERGY

Foreign Ministers Conference Ends On Note Of Optimism ALLIES 'REUNITED'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(P)—Russia aligned herself today behind Anglo-American proposals to put atomic energy controls up to the United Nations and in turn won a voice in control of beaten Japan.

These two results highlighted the 11-day meeting of big three foreign ministers in Moscow—a meeting which officially re-united the top wartime Allies in their efforts to solve the formidable problems of peace.

Breaking a deadlock in their relations which lasted nearly three months, the United States, Russia and Britain also agreed in a communique made public simultaneously in the three capitals last night on:

1. The necessity of a unified, democratic and independent China under the National government now headed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

2. The establishment of a provisional government for long-suffering Korea with prospect of complete independence for that nation in five years.

3. Broadening the governments of Romania and Bulgaria and plans for concluding peace treaties with them, along with Italy, Hungary and Finland.

Architects of these arrangements were Secretary of State Byrnes; Foreign Secretary Bevin of Britain, and Foreign Commissar Molotov of Russia.

ATOMIC ENERGY In disposing of the present, of the touchy atomic energy question, Russia agreed to join this country and Britain in sponsoring a resolution in the United Nations assembly which would establish a control commission, responsible to the powerful 11-member

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Some government officials expressed belief Russia would come in under the deadline. There was speculation among others, however, that she might delay action pending some word whether this country would be receptive to a Soviet loan application. None of the officials would permit their names to be used.

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BOARD WILL CONTINUE ITS HEARINGS

Challenges Right To Consider Profits As Factor In Strike ACTION PERMANENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(P)—General Motors Corporation withdrew today from government fact-finding board hearings in the automobile strike.

The fact-finding board promptly announced it would continue its hearings regardless.

"We have withdrawn permanently, and I'm going back to New York," Walter Gordon Merritt, GM attorney, told reporters.

General Motors withdrew because it challenged the inclusion of its profits as a factor in settling the 30 per cent wage increase demand of the CIO-Auto Workers Union.

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WORLD BANK: Russia Only Major Power Not Signing

Some Officials Think Soviets Will Join Before Deadline, December 31

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(P)—A Russian question mark cast its shadow today over the newly-created international stabilization fund and world bank.

The Soviet union was the only major power among 16 nations whose signature lines remained blank after yesterday's ceremonies that brought the two big financial agencies into being.

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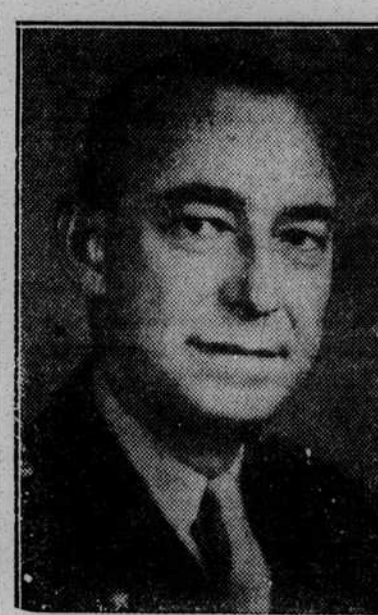
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GEN. McNARNEY

ERVIN WILL IS FILED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(P)—A pencilled will, apparently written by Rep. Ervin (D-NC) shortly before he was found dead Christmas day in his gas-filled apartment, was filed today in District Court by the police department.

The will leaves everything to his widow. No estimate of the value of his estate was given.

The text of the will: "I, Joe W. Ervin, of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament.

"I want a private funeral. DEBTS TO BE PAID "2. My just debts which are few shall be paid by my executors.

"3. All the rest and residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Susan Graham Ervin, absolutely and in fee simple, and do hereby name her and my brother, Sam, as joint executors.

"I hereby revoke and declare utterly null and void any and all wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

"All of this paper writing is in my own handwriting."

A coroner's verdict of suicide was returned in Ervin's death. Friends said he had been despondent over recurrence of an old leg injury.

Russian Press Lauds Results Of Big Three Meet

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—(P)—Soviet Russia's two most influential newspapers, Izvestia and Pravda, today praised the results of the "Big Three" foreign ministers' conference which ended here yesterday. Izvestia stated "decisions of the Moscow conference witness that a new step has been made toward the development of collaboration of the allied states."

The atomic agreement, Izvestia said, "does not present any doubts." Pravda, official organ of the communist party, stated that the formation of a commission for the far east was "of great significance."

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