

WEATHER

Rain this afternoon, followed by cloudy and colder weather tonight; Tuesday fair and colder; low temperatures tonight 24-28 north and central, 28-32 in extreme east.

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BIG 3 CONTROL PLAN CAUSES CONFUSION IN JAPAN

Central Government In China Wants Marshall To Arbitrate Truce

By Spencer Moosa

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Chinese central government countered a communist plan for a truce today by proposing that Gen. George C. Marshall act as arbiter and that a military inspection mission, possibly composed of Americans, serve as impartial observers to see that any armistice was obeyed.

The immediate reaction in foreign quarters here was that there was nothing in the government offer to which the communists could validly object; and that General Marshall's approval must have been obtained before the suggestion was made for ending the civil conflict.

The move to bring the American special envoy into the peace picture came as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek made an outright bid to the communists to join a movement that would unify China and called a two weeks' meeting of the political consultative council to begin Jan. 10.

There was no immediate communist reaction, as all leaders of the communist delegation here were out attending a New Year's eve party.

The three-point government

plan, submitted in writing to the communists was as follows:

"1. That all hostilities within the country shall cease and railway communications shall be restored;

"2. That x x x the government and Chinese communist party shall each appoint a representative to confer with General of the Army Marshall on the procedure to be adopted in all matters pertaining to cessation of hostilities and restoration of railway communications for submission to the government for action;

"3. That the standing committee of the people's political council shall elect five impartial observers forming a military inspection mission to investigate the situation.

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4,000 Bus Employes Vote To End Strike

Left Jobs Nov. 1 In Dispute Over Wages With Greyhound Companies; Gains Not Reported

By The Associated Press

Resumption of bus service by two Greyhound lines serving communities in 18 eastern and midwestern states, alleviating the crowded transportation system, was near today as 4,000 employes voted to end their two months old strike.

MINE MAY BE SEALED OFF

Hope Abandoned For Trapped Men; Rescue Work Dangerous

By KYLE VANCE

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31.—(AP)—A conference of federal, state and private mine officials early today proposed sealing off the mine near here in which 20 coal miners have been entombed since Wednesday.

Sealing off the mine would halt rescue operations. Veteran miners

said hope had been abandoned for the survival of any of the trapped men.

DEEMED NECESSARY

Authorities at the conference this morning agreed that sealing off the mine was necessary to smother fires which filled the tunnel with smoke and poisonous gas, driving rescue workers from the scene. The gas was described as being so dangerous that another explosion could occur at any time. Another of the men brought out of the mine has died. He was Tom McQueen, 30, of Magnet, Ky., who succumbed in the Pineville community hospital without regaining consciousness.

McQueen was one of the miners found alive in the fire-ravaged pit more than 53 hours after the explosion occurred on December 26.

Bodies of mine foreman Nath Centers, 62, and Robert Sulfridge, were brought from the mine yesterday.

Truman Works On Radio Address

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—President Truman worked aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg today on his report to the nation Jan. 3 and his forthcoming state of the union address to congress.

He also found time to sign several bills passed by Congress in the closing days of the last session. The White House reported. The Williamsburg was anchored off Quantico, Va., after encountering fog.

BYRNES GIVES FOLLOW-UP ON HIS REPORT

May Discuss Moscow Decisions As They Affect Gen. MacArthur TO LONDON AGAIN

By Graham Hovey

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—

(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes called a news conference for 2:30 P. M. (EST) today as a follow-up to his radio report to the nation last night on the Moscow conference.

William Benton, assistant secretary of state for public affairs, announced the conference to newsmen and said the secretary would discuss primarily the Moscow decisions on the control machinery for Japan as it affects Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Benton did not elaborate, but it was believed that Byrnes might take up the question of whether MacArthur had approved the Moscow decisions in advance and had been kept informed of the deliberations of the Big Three foreign ministers on the subject.

The secretary did not touch on that matter in his radio address last night, although he emphasized that the 11-nation far eastern policy-making commission and the four-power advisory council would not obstruct "the outstanding and efficient administration" of the supreme commander.

AGREEMENTS Speaking from the conference room of the state department, Byrnes described how this country, Russia and Britain reached agreement on issues involving Japan, atomic energy, peace treaties, China, Korea, Romania and Bulgaria.

He said too he and foreign ministers Bevin of Britain and Molotov of Russia also agreed on a three-power commission to study problems of troubled Iran. He added he was "not discouraged" by

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STORES ASKED TO CLOSE FOR NEW YEAR'S

Following a decision made at a meeting of the Merchants division of the local Chamber of Commerce early in December, merchants have been asked to close tomorrow for New Year's by Worth Morris, chairman of the division. Grocery stores will remain open in accordance with a decision made by their own group.

"I hope all stores will abide by this vote in the association," Mr. Morris said this morning. The resolution passed by the merchants provided that the stores would all be closed one day for Christmas then another day for New Year's.

Banks and building and loan associations will operate as usual. Both the city hall and the courthouse will also be open, however the draft board will be closed. Tax listing in precincts in the county will begin tomorrow.

American Delegation To UNO Off Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The British liner Queen Elizabeth sailed for England early today with 1,128 passengers, including four members of the American delegation to the general assembly of the United Nations.

The four were Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former Secretary of Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex.), State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, and Senator Arthur Vandenberg.

School, Hospital Expansion Programs Highlight 1946

Rounding out a solid, prosperous year that will go down in history as one of its outstanding milestones, Cleveland county looks to 1946 with even greater hope that with the peace a program of greater growth and prosperity will swing the home county to the progressive forefront in every department.

Glee A. Bridges, chairman of the county of commissioners, pointed out the gratifying results of last year's administration in revealing that expenditures have remained well within the budget set for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946. Within this budget \$20,650 was provided for maintenance of the county's poor, \$16,500 for old-age assistance, \$6,000 for aid to dependent children, \$2,357 for assistance to the blind and \$10,400 toward the maintenance of the county health department.

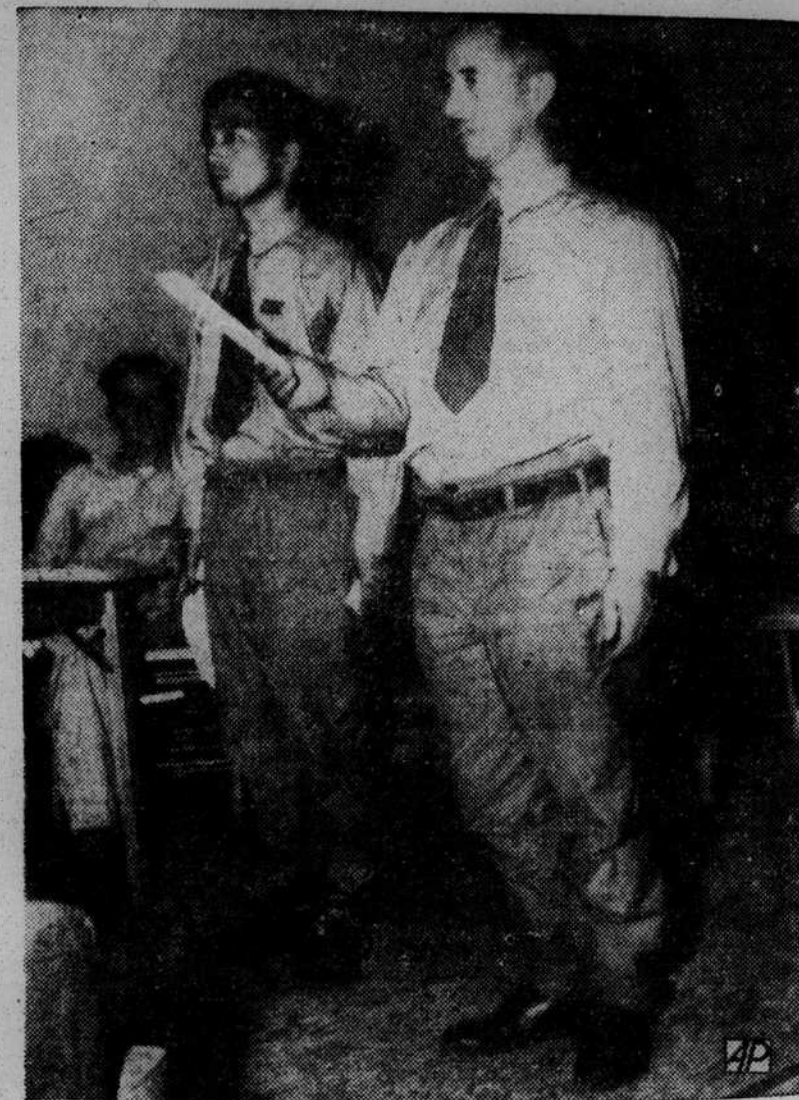
In spite of this appropriation and inflationary tendencies the county's tax rate was kept down to 36; less than the rate levied in the preceding year.

NEW OFFICE

The new, full-paid office of Veterans Administration was added

Within this budget \$20,650 was provided

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TO HANG FOR MURDER OF AMERICANS ON WAKE—Rear Adm. Shigematsu Sakaibara reads a final statement in his own behalf to the military commission on Kwajalein Island before sentence is pronounced on him and Lt. Cmdr. Soichi Tachibana (left, center) for ordering the execution of 98 American civilians on Wake Island, Oct. 1943. Both Jap officers were sentenced to die by hanging. The Americans were machine-gunned on a beach after being blindfolded and bound.—(AP Wirephoto).

One Killed As Plane Plunges Into Bay

EAL Miami-To-New York Plane Overshoots Runway At LaGuardia Field; 13 Others Escape Injury

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A woman passenger was killed and 10 other passengers and three crew members escaped serious injury last night when a Miami-to-New York plane of Eastern Air Lines overshot the runway at LaGuardia field and plunged into Flushing Bay.

The passenger killed was Mrs. J. M. Scully of New York City. Her husband said she was known in business circles as Grace Pelchold and was returning from Richmond, Va.

The plane, attempting to land during a rainstorm, plunged into the water at about the point where a B-29 bomber went down last spring killing three persons including Maor Bill Southworth, Jr., son of the manager of the Boston Braves.

DURHAM'S DAUGHTER All survivors except Cecelia Durham, daughter of Rep. Carl T. Durham (D-NC), were treated for submersion. She was treated for bruises on the right foot and for shock aboard in addition to Miss Durham was Mrs. H. R. Weatherington of Raleigh, N. C.

Meanwhile, 2,000 Dutch marines, trained and equipped in the United States, were preparing to disembark from a ship which arrived off Batavia yesterday. A British announcement said the marines would disembark within a few days.

Indonesian leaders have protested against the importing of additional Dutch forces into troubled Java, but agreed some time ago, in this particular case, to allow the marines to be brought in to replace Ambonese natives serving in the Dutch army, said Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the unrecognized Indonesian republic.

Intermittent fighting continued at Buttenfelders and wounded two Dutch internees, and at Semarang, where the natives shelled an airfield.

Aneta, official Dutch news agency, said that 55 Indonesians suspected of terrorist activity were arrested in Batavia today, bringing to about 250 the total number of persons arrested within the last several days.

Senator Hoey Going To Raleigh Thursday To Present Anderson

Senator Clyde R. Hoey will go to Raleigh Thursday where he will introduce Clinton P. Anderson, secretary of agriculture, in an address to a farmers' rally arranged by W. Kerr Scott, state commissioner of agriculture, at State College speaking engagements that lege's Pullen Hall.

Senator Hoey plans to remain at his home here, although he has some speaking engagements that will draw him out of the city for brief intervals, until around January 10 when he is to return to Washington for resumption of the Congress January 14.

Hitler's Last Will And Testament Masterpiece Of Nazi Propaganda

By Daniel De Luce

NUERNBERG, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler's last political testament, apparently prepared as Berlin tottered before the Russian onslaught, was revealed today as a masterpiece of propaganda in which he built himself up as a martyr and bequeathed to the German people the Nazi creed of fierce loyalty to the state and hatred of the Jews.

His final admonition was: "Above all, I enjoin the government of the nation and the people to uphold the racial laws to the limit and resist mercilessly the poisoner of all nations, international Jewry."

The testament, dated April 29, 1945, also disclosed that Hitler expelled Reichsmarshal Herman Goering and Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler from the Nazi ranks for attempting to seize control of the state and "negotiating with the enemy without my knowledge."

"Before my death," said the document, evidently prepared as Berlin was falling in flaming ruin before the Red Army onslaught, "I expel the former Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering from the party and withdraw from him all the rights which were conferred on him."

Hitler once had designated Goering as his successor. "In his place I appoint Admiral Doenitz (Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz, now, with Goering, a defendant in the war crimes trial here) as president and supreme commander of the Wehrmacht."

"Before my death, I expel the former Reichsfuehrer of S.S. and Minister of the Interior Heinrich Himmler from the party and from all of his state offices. In his place I appoint Gauleiter Karl Hanke as Reichsfuehrer of S.S. and chief of the German police, and Gauleiter Paul Giesler as minister of the interior."

"Apart from their disloyalty to me, Goering and Himmler have brought irreparable shame on the country and on the whole nation by secretly negotiating with the enemy."

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DEMOCRATS MEET TODAY

Committee Members To Discuss Successor To Ervin

DEMOCRATS front G NEWTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The 10th district Democratic congressional executive committee was scheduled to meet this afternoon to discuss nomination of a successor to the late Congressman Joe W. Ervin who took his life Christmas day in Washington.

Five of the committee's six members were expected to attend only Mrs. Stella H. Lowe of Avery will not be on hand as she has moved from that county and a successor has not been named.

Other members of the group are Chairman Wade H. Lefler of Catawba, Joe L. Blythe of Mecklenburg, V. D. Hensley of Mitchell, A. P. Causby of Burke and Thomas E. Rhodes of Lincoln.

With several contestants in the field there was a possibility that the committee might discuss provisions for a special Democratic primary. Existing laws require the governor to call a special election, but fail to mention the holding of a primary.

Gov. Cherry has indicated that he will postpone setting an election date until after both Democrats and Republicans have offered candidates.

County Stands On Threshold Of Great 1946 Building Boom

More millions of new construction than ever before in one year will mark Cleveland's 1946 progress if sufficient materials and labor become available to carry through the needs of a community definitely suffering with growing pains.

Four years with virtually no new construction have left such a pent-up demand for housing, for plant expansions and development, for supporting facilities and services that it seems improbable construction can begin to catch up with the needs within one year—

KOREANS RAIL AT TRUSTEESHIP

Fight In Streets, Stone U. S. Soldiers In Violent Protest

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 29.—(AP)—(Delayed)—Korean hotheads fought in the streets of Seoul and threw rocks at American soldiers today in violent protest against the Big Three's five-year trusteeship plan for their country.

Speakers addressed a mass meeting which demanded immediate recognition of a Korean provisional government, called for a strike of Koreans employed by the American Military government, and branded opponents to independence now as traitors.

In an attempt to forestall more demonstrations against the trusteeship program, announced after the Russian-British-American conference at Moscow last week, American military authorities who control Southern Korea ordered an 8 p.m. curfew.

(There was no report of the Korean reaction to the program in northern Korea, where the Russians are in control.)

Koreans, craving independence after nearly a half century as a colony of Japan, were inflamed by the Big Three program for a trusteeship by the United States, Russia, Britain and China while Korea learns to walk unaided among nations.

Hundreds of Koreans employed by the American military government walked off the job; a mob attacked the office of a newspaper which rightists declared had communist leanings; banks closed and policemen left their posts.

52,721 BALES ARE GINNED

Through December 13, a total of 52,721 bales of cotton had been ginned in Cleveland county, it was revealed this morning by Thamer Beam, cotton statistician for the county. This is within 349 bales of the cotton ginned up to the same time last year.

This is considered an unusual fine showing due to untoward picking conditions. Many had expected the crop to be much shorter than indicated by this report.

Discharge Point Scores Lowered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The lowering of point scores from 55 to 50 for enlisted men and from 73 to 70 for officers will make 600,000 more Army men and women eligible for release today under changes in discharge rules announced Dec. 19.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:30 p.m.—State Guard drill at armory.

TUESDAY 7:30 p.m.—W.O.W. meets at Woman's clubhouse.

MAY RESULT IN SLACKENING OF EFFORTS

MacArthur Denies Statement That He Offered No Objection

NOT ACCEPTABLE

TOKYO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Sources close to General MacArthur reported today that the big three's new control plan for Japan already has caused confusion among the Japanese and may cause the general to lose face in a country where face is all important.

The control plan, which MacArthur bluntly stated yesterday had been made over his protest and behind his back, may result in a slackening of Japanese efforts to put into effect directives already issued—and which they had accepted only slowly and grudgingly—the sources said.

MacArthur's 150-word statement said "the statement attributed to the far eastern commission (press officer (Thomas Blake in Washington) that I did not object to the new Japan control plan before it was approved at Moscow" is incorrect. On Oct. 31 my final disagreement was contained in my radio to the chief of staff for the Secretary of State advising that the terms 'in my opinion are not acceptable.' Since that time my views have not been sought."

ISSUES VITAL The general also denied that he had been consulted during the Moscow conferences, however, he concluded that "whatever the merits or demerits of the plan x x x the issues involved are too vital for the future of the world to have them bog down x x x it is my fervent hope that there will be no insuperable obstacles x x x it is my full purpose to see it through."

A headquarters spokesman said MacArthur "did not even know Japan was being discussed at Moscow until he saw it announced in the daily press."

Although grudgingly, the Japanese have gone along with MacArthur as occupation boss. Now they are asking whether his past directives may be subject to review and whether they will be required to make a new start under the council setup.

T-4 ED ERVIN DIES IN BERLIN

Suffered Gunshot Wounds Dec. 15, Died Dec. 17; No Details

T-4 Ed W. Ervin, 23, who has been stationed with the army of occupation in Berlin, died December 17 from gunshot wounds sustained on December 15, according to a message received here Saturday by his wife, Mrs. Estelle Millwood Ervin, who lives on Martin street.

Mrs. Ervin received a telegram Thursday informing her of her husband's injuries on December 15, giving no details except that they were gunshot wounds.

T-4 Ervin, a graduate of Shelby High school, entered service in November, 1942. He served with the infantry in the 100th division, later being moved to an anti-aircraft unit. He had been overseas 18 months and had expected to come home next month.

Prior to entering service, he was employed by the Glenn Martin Aircraft corporation.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Ervin, of 1203 S. Morgan street; four brothers, Elbert W. Ervin of Shelby; Gene W. and Ray Ellis Ervin, just out of the service; Sgt. James H. Ervin, of the army at Marshall Field, Kansas; three sisters, Miss Betty Ervin, of the home; Mrs. E. E. Francis, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Emerson Lohr, of Greenville, S. C. M. W. Ervin, father of the young man, has just returned to his home following treatment in the Shelby hospital for a heart ailment.

NYP REQUEST DENIED TOKYO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A Japanese request to remove price and distribution controls over 11 groups of sundry essential items was denied today by General MacArthur. Headquarters said the effect would be inflationary and would result in channelling such goods into the hands of consumers "whose incomes greatly exceed the national level."

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