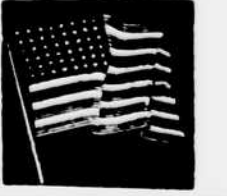




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## ACROSS THE FLOOD WITH BODY OF DROWNED SON



William Holmes rows across the flooded Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N.C., with the body of his drowned son, Johnny, 12, wrapped in a blanket at his feet. Hopeful that the boy might be revived, the father is taking his to a Fayetteville hospital. But his journey was in vain.

(AP Photo)

# MacArthur Seeks Financial Accounting From Japanese

## Prince Says Abdication Not Planned

### Diohara Continues to Work As Usual; New Orders Given

General Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander in defeated Japan, today demanded an accounting of all Japanese financial dealings from Pearl Harbor day to the present, including those of the Imperial household. Meanwhile, it was learned that the emperor has no intention of abdicating.

A member of the royal family, Prince Koyoko, said there was "absolutely nothing" to Washington reports that Hirohito would quit.

Two additional directives were passed to the Japanese government today—already burdened with a heavy day of order-taking. One called for the arrest of Nobuyuki Abe, former governor general of Korea and the emperor's brother-in-law.

The emperor's abdication would help get them on their feet more easily. Senator Walter George of Georgia today advocated a preferential tax treatment for veterans the first year or two after their discharge.

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## EPES JURY VIEWS DEAD WOMAN'S FOXHOLE GRAVE



Jurors in the trial of Lt. Samuel C. Epes of Richmond, Va., accused of killing his wife last January, view the shallow foxhole grave on maneuver grounds near Fort Jackson, S. C., in which her body was found. Epes led officers to the body last February 14, and admitted burying it, but denied her killing. (AP Photo)

# George Seeking Special Tax Treatment For Vets

## Says It Would Be Reasonable, Fair To Extend \$1,500 Exemption a Year

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# Death For Young Epes Is Demanded

## Defense Says State Hasn't Introduced Any New Evidence

Columbia, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The prosecution, in a final, impassioned plea today asked for the life of Lt. Samuel C. Epes, dashing young army officer, charged with slaying his wife.

Solicitor T. Post Taylor asked the all-male jury to send the son of a wealthy Virginia family to the electric chair, which he said was made "for rich and poor, black and white alike."

He demanded a murder conviction which automatically carries the death penalty. If the jury recommends mercy, the sentence under law will be life imprisonment. Acquittal is the only other possible verdict.

State Senator Edgar Brown, prominent South Carolina lawyer employed by Epes' family as defense counsel, began his final argument shortly before noon.

Tried Again and Again

Judge A. H. Gaston began his charge to the jury at 12:50 p. m. as Brown concluded his summation.

Brown said the youth had been tried "again and again" in the newspapers and in the public mind, but that the State had not produced a shred of evidence beyond Epes' own statement. This statement was made by Epes to officers when he was arrested and is not admissible in court.

In his summation, Prosecutor Taylor said that "is a final insult to his wife, Epes placed over his wife's fox-hole grave a marker which read 'betrayed'." No one could have done this except a cold-blooded murderer.

The prosecution dwelt at length upon the lack of emotion exhibited by the young medical officer.

Flier Tried Warn People

Miami, Fla., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Facing his death, the pilot of a Navy biplane panned across his engine and allowed its landing lights in an attempt to signal people in downtown Miami of impending danger.

## ROADS NEED WORK, ENGINEER ASSERTS

Washington, Sept. 22.—America's highways and byways are still far from "out of the mud" was the startling statement made by Charles M. Upham, engineer-director of the American Road Builders' Association to a conference of highway officials here.

Upham said that the present state of highways in terms of concrete, iron pipe, limited access freeways and forgets the many thousands of miles of roads and streets that are unsurfaced. We have a big job ahead making these "underprivileged" roads passable the year round," he said.

# Jewess Continues Story Of Belsen Camp Horrors

Lüneberg Germany, Sept. 22.—Joseph Kramer, commander of the Belsen camp and 44 other Nazis on trial as war criminals.

Dr. Binke, who related that she saw her six-year-old son, her husband, a brother, a sister, and her parents paraded off to the gas chambers at the camp, yesterday pointed out 15 of the defendants and declared some of them selected Jewish inmates at the camp for death and persecution.

Under cross examination, the witness stuck firmly to her story that selection of gas chamber victims had nothing to do with their health. She said she had seen patients at the camp hospital who were to be discharged the next day as cured marched off to the gas chambers.

Early in her testimony, she estimated that 4,000,000 Jews died in the camp, while thousands of young German girls were sent to army-operated houses of prostitution.

During today's session, the Polish doctor identified Karl Flanzsch, supervisor of the cook house at Belsen as the man who shot an infanterie through the head in cold blood the day before the British liberated the camp.

'Spellbound' Girl

PRETTY Phyllis Massey of San Diego, Cal., smiles at the photographer after she was selected as the "Spellbound" girl during a meeting in New York City of the tea-dressed models.

# Complete Transit Shutdown Threatens Automobile Center

## Gasoline-less Week Expected In City; More Plants Close

Detroit, Sept. 22.—(AP)—A complete shutdown in transportation today threatened the nation's automobile capital, already beset by many strikes.

The city faced a gasoline-less week unless there is a break in the strike of oil workers of refineries in the Midwest and Texas and Oklahoma.

About 65 per cent of the city's 3,400 gasoline and service stations posted "empty tank" signs. The others, a dealer's association spokesman said, would be closed by Monday, halting private automobiles and trucks.

The city's municipal transportation system, already hit by a partial drivers' strike, curtailed most services. With only a five-day supply of gasoline on hand, more bus runs were expected to be withdrawn. Taxi cabs offered only limited service.

Meanwhile, the dead-end automobile industry-labor trouble—no closer to a solution—saw two more plants shut down.

At Windsor, Ontario, just across the border from Detroit, 10,000 Ford Motor Company of Canada workers remained on strike for their 13th day. A mass meeting of United Automobile Workers—CIO union members was called for Sunday afternoon.

Chrysler Corp. closed its Dodge truck plant at Detroit, representing a striking local, barred 400 employees from entering the factory yesterday.

## NINE U. S. DIVISIONS RETURN HOME SOON

Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The War Department today announced tentative plans to return nine divisions from overseas in October.

Those returning from Europe include the 10th Armored and the 70th, 60th, 75th, and 34th Infantry divisions.

From the Pacific will come the 43rd, 31st, 37th, and 33rd Infantry divisions.

The department said low scores men have been removed from these divisions and reassigned to units either scheduled to return later or to remain overseas for an indefinite period.

Nazis Being Questioned

Nuernberg, Germany, Sept. 22.—(AP)—At least eight special interrogation rooms are being kept in continuous use by Allied prosecution staffs gathering great masses of evidence which will be presented at the forthcoming trials of two dozen top Nazis.

## President Leaves Capital To Meet Political Advisors

Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—President Truman left by auto at 8:30 a. m. today for a two-day outing on Chesapeake Bay.

The President will spend the week-end relaxing at the Jefferson Island Club and return to the Capital late Sunday. He was accompanied by White House staff members.

Other congressional and party leaders will be at the club headed by former Democratic Senator Hayes of Missouri, now a Washington lawyer. His itinerary called for a trip by auto to Annapolis and thence by ferry and launch to Jefferson Island.

The occasion recalled another Presidential picnic on the island when President Roosevelt paid a visit there for talks with members of congress.

Leslie Bittie, Senate secretary said there would be more than 300 guests including Congressmen, government officials and Governor O'Connor of Maryland.

## Republicans Want Dewey Questioned

Marshall's Letter Also Being Sought By GOP Minority

Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Republicans demanded today that Congress invite Thomas E. Dewey to tell whether he has reason to believe the high command was aware of Japanese war intentions hours before Pearl Harbor.

They also asserted that a joint committee investigating the disaster must take a look at a letter that Governor George Marshall wrote the President while he was running for President last year.

Dewey has confirmed receiving the letter but referred the reporters to the chief of staff for its contents. Last night the War Department was not available for comment.

A Life magazine story says the letter asked Dewey to keep the secret that the U. S. had broken a Japanese code because he Japanese still were using it.

TRUMAN GIVES MEDAL TO HENRY L. STIMSON

Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—President Truman yesterday presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Henry L. Stimson, retiring Secretary of War, on his 78th birthday.

# Ministers Cancel Meet Suddenly

London, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Foreign ministers of the big five cancelled today their scheduled morning meeting. At the same time a British official expressed concern over disclosure of a Russian trade pact which would give Moscow control over half of the economy of Hungary. Today's meeting had been scheduled to take up the Hungarian peace treaty. No official explanation was given for the cancellations.

No meeting was expected until Monday.

American at the council meeting apparently accused British interest in the trade treaty. Official sources said the pact was another step in a Soviet campaign to hold a tight reign over the economic and political life of eastern Europe.

The agreement, which has been initiated and waits Budapest's ratification is said to propose founding a Soviet-Hungarian combine for the development of steel, oil and other industries. Also said to be included are shipping on inland rivers, air lines, truck and motor traffic and a joint bank to finance mutual trade.

The British are conducting Washington of the development. No Russian comment was available.

A reliable source said Soviet Com-munism had been tested but not detailed and that two-month information on the deliberations had leaked out.

This source said the big five had agreed to meet his objection. A considerable part of yesterday's session was reported take-up by a discussion of the Russian protest.

## Hartford Allowed Loss

Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The House today approved a bill to investigate the financial affairs of Elliott Roosevelt. By a 14 to 10 vote, it decided that John Hartford, head of a large grocery chain, is entitled to a bad debt tax reduction of \$196,000 which he reported losing on a \$200,000 loan to the late president's son.

This was the top news in the Capital today, although Senator Wherry of Nebraska came up again with the question of who is running Japan.

He wants to know who is fixing the policy for the United States Government in Japan, he asked. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, while the senator made public today, Wherry told Acheson he wanted a hurry up answer, by Monday morning at the latest. Acheson's nomination as Undersecretary of State comes up then for Senate action Monday afternoon.

Atomic Bomb Bill Approved

Washington, Sept. 22.—(AP)—A measure to control the atomic bomb and its byproduct, today had been approved by the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The bill, introduced by Rep. S. W. Hargis of Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, would place control of the bomb in the hands of a commission headed by the chief justice.

The 11-member commission, in addition to the chief justice, would include a representative appointed by the President, chairman and ranking members of the Senate and House military and naval committees, and a scientist.

The bill provides a maximum sentence of death for persons convicted of passing on information about the bomb to foreign nations until the Government has decided whether to share the secret with powers other than Great Britain.

British Proposals For India Vetoes As Unsatisfactory

London, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The working committee of the All-India Congress party has rejected new British proposals for India as "vague, inadequate and unsatisfactory," a Reuters dispatch from Bombay said today.

The report quoted the committee as saying "nothing short of independence can be acceptable to the Congress and party."

Weather

NORTH CAROLINA

Pearly clouds and continued warm tonight and Sunday; not a bit of rain to be expected; a few scattered afternoon and evening thunder-showers.