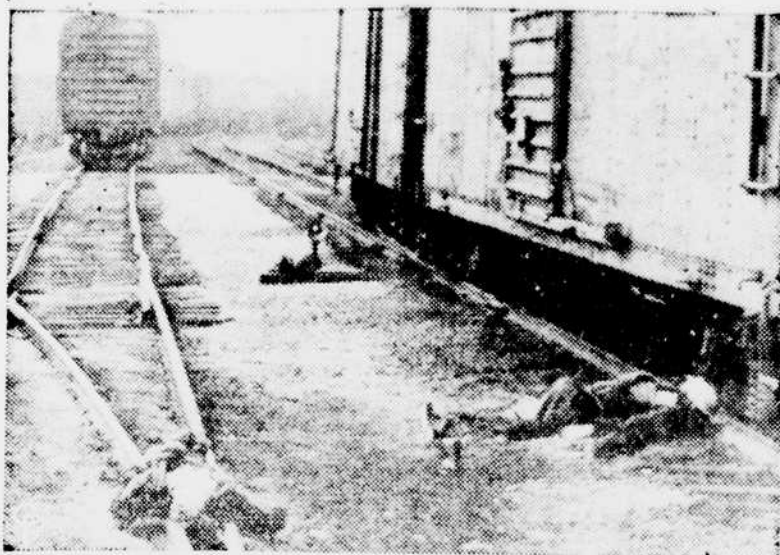


## MURDER MYSTERY IN FREIGHT YARD



TWO BODIES WERE FOUND LYING ON RAILROAD TRACKS



JOSEPH WALLUM



RAYMOND VERNIER

CONFRONTED BY THE MACABRE MYSTERY of a double murder that seemed to have no motive, Philadelphia police were trying to solve the killing of Joseph Wallum (lower left), 60, a freight-car inspector, and Raymond Vernier (lower right), 50, brakeman, whose bodies were found (upper photo) on the tracks in a local Baltimore & Ohio railroad freight yard. Detectives believed the men had been killed elsewhere and their bodies placed on the rails. (International Soundphoto)

## Death, Taxes Top Subjects In Congress

Taft Gives Backing To Tax Proposal of Money Chief Vinson

Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Death and taxes are the big subjects in Congress today.

As for death: The House Military Committee met to decide whether to reopen its hearing on atomic energy. An outcry had been raised because the group heard only four witnesses on the bill.

Congress is asking to use atomic power for a better life—instead of death to the world. The question is: how?

As for taxes: A leading Republican senator, Robert Taft of Ohio, gave unexpected support to the Treasury's tax cutting plan. This plan differs from the tax bill passed by the House.

The Senate Finance Committee is in the second day of a three-day hearing. Today it hears from the CIO, which already had criticized the House bill as helping big corporations too much.

**Palestine Also Problem** These matters were argued in committee rooms, where the work of Congress is done. The Senate didn't meet today. The House did—with much oratory schedules on two subjects.

1—Palestine as a homeland for European Jews. 2—A bill to grant \$600,000,000 a Federal cash for a ten-year federal state program for building airports. The Senate has passed a different version of the bill.

**On taxes, Treasury Secretary Vinson told the Senate committee yesterday the excess profits tax on corporations should be abolished by January 1. Today, Taft told a reporter he agreed with Vinson.**

Vinson also advocated repeal of the so-called normal tax. Taft agreed with this too. The House approved bill does not abolish these taxes January 1. It cuts business and personal taxes by other methods. In fact, it cuts \$5,350,000,000. Vinson recommended only \$5,175,000,000.

Also in Congress today, there were several developments with hearing on the future form of the Federal Government. For example: Army and navy—General MacArthur's speech last night urged "complete integration" of the armed forces with a heavy arm from a number of senators who hold his words near; he wanted an outright merger of the war and navy departments.

## Nazi Beatings Compared With North Carolina's Prison Camp 'Floggings'

### Leaf Price In Middle Belt Down

Average Price For All Tobacco \$1.26 Under \$44.50 Top

Raleigh, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The state agriculture department's market division reported today that the average price of tobacco sold in September on North Carolina's five main markets was \$126 below the \$44.50 ceiling.

All the belts sold 241,967,550 pounds at an average of \$12.61 a hundred, ten cents more than the average price for the September, 1944.

When damaged tobacco was sold last month, particularly in the east, prices on better grades held firm but lower grades showed a weakness toward the month's end. However, the decline in prices on lower grades was not uniform in all belts.

The division pointed out that grade for grade, better prices were paid in the eastern and middle belts than on the old belt. The old belt average was maintained by higher offerings of better grades late last month and a case of withdrawal of bids than actual selling urgency. Resistant were Chesapeake and Ohio, Goodrich, Douglas Aircraft and U. S. Rubber, preferred. Down most of the time were U. S. Steel, Montgomery Ward, United Aircraft, DuPont and Allied Chemical.

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## Stocks Down Few Points

New York, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Stocks generally took a breathing spell in slightly lower territory after eight successive sessions without a single setback during which the market averages registered a string of new highs for nearly five years. It was more a case of withdrawal of bids than actual selling urgency. Resistant were Chesapeake and Ohio, Goodrich, Douglas Aircraft and U. S. Rubber, preferred. Down most of the time were U. S. Steel, Montgomery Ward, United Aircraft, DuPont and Allied Chemical.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Fair and warmer today; cool again tonight with a light frost; tomorrow, fair and slightly warmer.

**British Attorney Represents Women At Belsen Trial**

Lateburg, Germany, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Weening Irma Grese, described as the most brutal of SS women guards, testified for her life in the Belsen war crimes trial today after her British counsel completed hearings in German concentration camps with those of North Carolina.

"The U. S. A. can not be disputed as a leader of civilization," Mayor L. S. W. Cranfield said. He then read a description from a book of floggings in a North Carolina camp.

"These events were judged as crimes," he said. "My argument is that corporal punishment in a prison camp is not a proper course for a judicial body to take. The worst punishment that can be meted out is the reasonable conduct of the persons involved."

Cranfield represented the Grese woman, Ise Lohr, Hilda Lovauer, and Joseph Kipfel—four of the 43 guards on trial with Joseph Kramer whom inmates of the camp called the beast of Belsen.

The Briton declared accusations against them were exaggerated and any evidence is totally unreliable.

"The Belsen internees were ridiculed with disgrace and the Grese woman was only too anxious to keep her hands off them," he said.

**CHERRY SAYS NO PRISONER FLOGGED**  
Raleigh, Oct. 16.—(AP)—No prisoner has been flogged in a North Carolina prison camp in years, although such punishment is permitted by law, Governor R. Gregg Cherry said today.

A description from a book on flogging was read in the Belsen war crimes trial by a defense attorney today.

Governor Cherry said that Major L. S. W. Cranfield, the British lawyer "is behind the times."

The law provides that an unruly prisoner may be whipped in the presence of a physician and witnesses.

**SPEED OF TRAIN BLAMED FOR WRECK**

Washington, Oct. 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today disclosed the collision of a Seaboard Air Line passenger train and a freight train at Aberdeen, N. C., on August 25 was due to failure to control the freight train's speed as it approached the end of a double track.

Over 70 persons were injured in the accident. The ICC report said the rules governing operation on this line provide that all trains must approach the end of a double track prepared to stop unless the signal indicates proceed. The signal at Aberdeen displayed stop for the freight train and proceed for the passenger train, the report said.

**Lint Prices Uncertain**

New York, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 50 cents a bale lower to 10 higher. Noon prices were 10 cents higher to 15 cents lower. October 23.08, December 23.21, March 23.29.

	Prev.	Close	Open
October	23.10	23.00	23.00
December	23.24	23.18	23.18
March	23.29	23.25	23.25
July	23.29	23.28	23.28
October	23.13	23.16	23.16
October (1946)	22.65	22.67	22.67

# Government Is Without Any Program For Settlement Of Growing U. S. Coal Dispute

## Washington Conference Is Failure

Ten-Day Efforts To End Walkouts Comes to Naught

Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The government counted as a failure today its 10-day efforts to settle the growing coal strike, and admitted it had no plans for immediate action.

Hope was revived, meanwhile, for a new approach to the border problem of reconversion vagas and prices.

Labor secretary Schwelienbach last night wound up, subject to call, his fruitless negotiations with soft coal operators and John L. Lewis over the issue of unionizing mine foremen.

He said his attempt—with 200,000 miners idle and half the nation's soft coal production closed down—had collapsed. He had hopes, he said, for some caution. But he did not indicate what it might be.

He added that for the time being, the government has no intention of seizing the strike-closed mines.

On the wage subject, President Harry S. Truman was reported very receptive to a recommendation from War Labor Board members that he set up a new three-sided group to devise a reconversion price-wage action.

A three-sided-panel would include representatives of labor, management and the public.

It was learned that the WLB members themselves demurred from accepting a Presidential invitation to establish a pay yardstick.

WLB's position that as a war agency, already well along in carrying out White House order to liquidate, it lacked the prestige necessary to frame and carry out a new formula, WLB wrote and enforced the war-time little steel formula, which limited basic wage increases to 15 per cent above the January, 1942 levels.

**Avalos Doesn't Care For Role As 'Strong Man'**

Buenos Aires, Oct. 16.—(AP)—War Minister Eduardo Avalos, leader of the army movement which expelled the military rule of Col. Juan Peron, disavowed the role of strong man today, asserting he was carrying out army order in the revision of Argentina's government.

Avalos called the overthrow of Peron, vice president, was minister and labor minister under President Farrell a "revolution."

Leaders in the political upset continued to be routed out of government posts as civilian leaders weighed offers to enter a government still headed by a military president. The offers were made by a civilian, General Prosecutor Alvarez, named interior minister by Farrell and given a free hand to form a "cabinet of notables."

Avalos simply said "I am not the boss. I am carrying out the orders of officers of the army."

## Freedom Of Puerto Rico Is Up Again

Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—President Truman recommended to Congress today that it take steps to ascertain whether the people of Puerto Rico desire independence.

In a message to Congress he proposed legislation giving Puerto Rico the choice of:

- 1—The election of their own governor with a wider measure of local government.
- 2—Statehood.
- 3—Complete independence.
- 4—A dominion form of government.

At the same time, the President said Congress should not submit any proposals to the people which it is not prepared to enact locally into law.

## YANK SUBS SURFACE IN NEW YORK



LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF UNDERSEA BOATS ever seen in New York, 21 of Uncle Sam's submarines from the Pacific were gathered at the Staten Island base—nine to remain and twelve to go on to other East Coast ports for the Navy Day celebrations. Here a few of the top-killers are shown taking their well-earned ease. (International)

## Reds Wouldn't Win In Berlin Election, Eisenhower Says

Four Parties Now Organized in City, Communists Dominate

Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—General Eisenhower said today "no general reports indicate a fair and impartially supervised election in Berlin would not oust the present communist party dominance of the city's government."

The general put into his mouth monthly report on military operations in the American zone of occupation a critique on politics in Germany.

Here's what he had to say about Berlin, where the Allied control authority has its headquarters and where the four Allied powers have zones.

**Four Parties Exist.** 1—Four organized parties exist there. They were grouped together by the Russian authorities who organized them and so were functioning when U. S. forces occupied the U. S. sector of Berlin. The four parties are the communists, the social democrats, the Christian democratic union and the liberal democrats.

"The first two are well organized and have a basis of former members on which to build. The latter two are new, but are drawing support from middle class formerly associated with the center of the German democratic party and the German people's party. They are less well organized and less active than the Marxist party. This is especially true of the liberal democratic party."

**Holds Key Posts.** "The communist party of Germany holds a majority of the key posts in the Berlin magistrature and in the administration of the Berlin municipalities. Informal reports indicate that a fair and impartially supervised election in Berlin would not support the present communist party dominance but would reveal relatively strong support going to the social democrats and the Christian democratic union."

"The four parties in Berlin joined on the initiative of the communist party in a united front political bloc intended to unify their policies on all important matters. This front political organization continued throughout the month of review. August and succeeded in formulating surface uniformly on major questions, with some evidence of dissent disaffection, especially on the part of the two conservative parties."

## Labor Scene Not Bright For Nation

Violence Reported In N.Y.C. Dispute Of Dock Workers

The nation's labor disputes, numbering at least 135, kept some 380,000 workers from their jobs today, the lowest total this month, but the labor picture was not bright.

The darkest cloud came out of Washington in the form of an announcement from Labor Secretary Lewis Schwelienbach that the conference to settle critical soft coal strikes had collapsed.

In New York City, where a 16-day strike of AFL longshoremen has virtually paralyzed shipping in the world's largest harbor, there was reported violence within the union's ranks and extra police were ordered to the waterfront.

On the bright side was the resumption to some one million New England bus and trolley riders of service in Massachusetts after a three-day strike of some 1,800 eastern Massachusetts street railway employees.

The scarcity of fuel in many of the strike areas brought further curtailment to steel and other industries and threatened to close three large Pittsburgh schools. Cold weather in western Pennsylvania may force some churches to close by the end of the week.

**Steel Production Cut** Thousands of steel workers have been furloughed and production in several mills has been cut as much as 25 per cent. Three major Cincinnati industries either halted or curtailed production.

Violence was reported in the 16-day strike of New York dock workers, which has virtually halted all out-bound shipping. An additional squad of police was sent to the waterfront came after rival factions within the AFL union charged each other with using violence and "goons" as intimidators. Major LaGuardia warned there "will be no rough stuff."

**Civil Strife In Indies Continues**

London, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The Free Indonesian radio said today that the Indonesian republic has declared "all reports that it had declared war on the Netherlands."

Meanwhile, the All India radio reported British reinforcements had landed in the rich Dutch East Indies.

The official Dutch news agency, Aneka, said Saturday that the Indonesian people's army of the nationalist movement had issued a proclamation declaring war on all Dutch and Ambonese.

The Free Indonesian radio broadcast this statement from the republic's contracting the Aneka dispatch. "All news circulating abroad that it has declared war on Holland is false and untrue. The reports are only evil provocations of foreign agents who are trying to discredit the republic. The Indonesian republic wishes to emphasize its policy which is to respect the principle of peace, justice and humanity."

**Halsey Declares 'Military Peace' Needed In World**

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Admiral Halsey, warmly welcomed home from the wars said today the peace must be a military one if it is to last.

"This is what we have dreamed of, hoped for, fought for and prayed for—to return home again, knowing that our enemies have been defeated," the admiral said after his three fleet had dropped anchor in the bay.

"But let us not forget that to be a lasting peace, it must be a military peace. Enemies are both born and made—the United States must guard itself against aggression, yet cooperate to the utmost in perfecting a world organization which will function with smoothness, efficiency and certainty."

## Japs Deluged China With Much Worthless Currency

Tokyo, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Printing presses backed by Japanese buy-outs deluged China with more worthless currency today, up 30,000,000 U. S. dollars in face value, the Tokyo newspaper Asahi said today.

The figure was the first to be published, indicating the degree of financial plundering of Japanese-occupied territories by militarists. It was disclosed by the paper in its demands on the imperial government to curb inflation.

Notes totaling 4,000,000,000,000 yuan were issued by the Central Reserve Bank of China, financial currency backed by the Japanese militarists, the paper said.