

FONTANA DAM, FOURTH HIGHEST IN THE WORLD



This is an aerial view of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Fontana dam, fourth highest in the world, located in a remote section of the Great Smoky mountains in Graham county, North Carolina.

Large Tax-Cutting Bill Is Passed By Senate

Statesville Made Angry By Truman's Cancellation Of His Journey To State

Mayor Demanding President Assume Full Responsibility

Statesville, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Statesville, coming out slowly from the gloom that enveloped this Fred-Bell county seat when its months-long work in preparation for a visit of President Harry S. Truman was washed out by cancellation of the trip today, was offered the tentative promise of another Presidential trip in January or February.

After State Senator Hugh Mitchell called off all arrangements for the planned celebration set for a day and a half, Representative Robert Doughton said in Washington Mr. Truman would come here early next year if conditions permit.

Meanwhile, Mayor J. Wesley Jones said he had telegraphed the President:

"We have spent a considerable sum of money anticipating your visit. As mayor of Statesville I can not justify this expenditure. You and you alone are responsible for this cancellation of your visit and you should through the press, assume all responsibility for your awkward position."

Orders Java Truce



PRESIDENT Soekarno of the self-proclaimed Indonesian Republic has been rushed from Batavia to Soerabaja, Java, to arrange a truce between the Indonesian Nationalists and British Indian forces.

Fugitive's Sentence Is Commuted

Atlanta, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Georgia wiped away today a prison sentence which has hung over the head of a famous fugitive, Robert E. Burns for 23 years and restored his civil rights.

The state pardon board commuted his sentence to the time he had served but declined to grant a full pardon for the man whose book "I Am A Fugitive From A Georgia Chain Gang" aroused a storm of protests in this state.

The board explained to Burns it did not grant full pardon in any case in which the prisoner admitted his guilt—and Burns admitted a \$3 stakeup in Atlanta in 1922.

He gave the three members of the board a detailed account of how as "a hungry and jobless veteran" he accompanied a top-nouse friend on a grocery store holdup.

The short Burns, now a prosperous New Jersey business man, told his long story after Governor Ellis Arnold dramatically appeared before the board and asked commutation.

"This is the first time I have ever appeared before your board to make such a request and it will probably be the last," said Arnold. "I may be violating the properties but I am convinced there has never been a fugitive who has so completely rehabilitated himself as this man."

It would prove a valuable contribution to world peace, "the more it becomes effective."

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Jap Monarch May Have To Stand Trial

Personal Fortune Will Be Used To Pay Reparations

Tokyo, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The first direct accusation that Emperor Hirohito was partly to blame for the war—Washington's announcement that his personal fortune will have to stand part of the reparations bill is apt to become the biggest political and social bomb-shell yet involving the already harried ruler.

The economic value of the move is yet indefinite, pending further investigation of what happens to be land and bondholdings.

The imperial balance sheet, somewhat more than \$106,000,000, is a mere drop in the reparations bucket at best. Only \$22,410,000 are in liquid assets.

Japanese likely will have little to say now, but are almost certain generally to interpret the action as an indirect jailing of Hirohito as a war criminal. They heretofore have made little distinction between those openly blamed and those considered to have been indirectly responsible.

Revolutionary Conception Edwin Paisley, American member of the reparations committee, voiced what the Japanese was a revolutionary conception in asserting there could be no distinction between the emperor and his government.

The Japanese have considered the government as an instrument of the emperor but he has been held too high to be responsible for its mistakes.

It is doubtful if many of the Japanese, even those highly placed, ever considered the possibility the emperor might be held to blame for the war, although reparations payments have been on the minds of Japanese officials.

Today would have been D-Day for Japan if the nation had chosen to fight to the end. November 1 was the date on which Americans would have surged ashore on southern Kyushu.

Instead, many of these are engaged in routine occupation tasks.

RAF Planes Assaulting Indonesians

Extremists Out Of Control In Java; Conference Held

Batavia, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Extremist Indonesian forces, apparently out of control of President Soekarno of the Indonesian republic, were reported intensifying their attacks on their British forces in several sections of central and western Java tonight in defiance of an order of their leader to cease fighting.

At Magelang three British fighter planes struck at extremists and supported Gurkha troops in recapturing most of the town after Indonesians had opened fire. A bombing line was reported to have been established at Magelang to prevent extremist forces from reaching the town.

Elsewhere the tensions which has gripped this island for weeks lifted greatly following a meeting between Dutch and Nationalist leaders, the first attempt at reaching a mutual understanding.

Industrials Keep Stock Market Up

New York, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Stock market recovery continued in a bullish mood today although enthusiasm seemed to be tempered by a note of caution. Up were Bethlehem, United States Steel, General Motors, Chrysler, Montgomery Ward and American Telephone. Losses were Northern Pacific, Woolworth, United Ayrault and Electric Power and Light.

The latest such assistance was the movement this week by the U. S. Seventh Fleet of government troops to the port of Ching-wang, east of Peiping. Only ten miles southwest of that port, occupied recently by U. S. marines, the Communists announced yesterday they had seized the Peitaiho station on the Peiping-Mukden railroad.

Yamashita Trial Testimony Reveals Mass Rape Of 25

Manila, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Details of the mass rape of 25 Manila beauties—many of them only 12 to 14 years old—who were passed for Japanese were related today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Yamashita.

The 25 were selected from among 40 females rounded up from Manila's rich Ermita district and submitted to a selection board which picked out the most comely for the lustful orgy.

Philippines were passed from man to man and from room to room. Their protests brought only slaps and more brutal treatment.

So frank and detailed was the testimony of the girls that correspondents as well as the public were barred from the room where a United States military commission

UMW Head And Truman Have Parley

Washington, Nov. 1.—(AP)—John L. Lewis visited the White House today for the first time in four years.

The United Mine Workers chief called on President Truman as a delegate to the labor-management conference opening noon Monday.

The conference hopes to develop methods of settling labor disputes outside the War Labor Board goes out of business.

The visit lasted 15 minutes. He said that he and his companions had discussed with Mr. Truman "matters germane to the conference—not in detail but in principle."

Asked what he thought would come from the parley, he grinned and said "I haven't anything to say."

T. C. Cashen, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives Council intimated that "principle is the thing which is important" in the coming conference.

Lewis was accompanied by UMW Secretary Thomas Kervody, likewise who has been a rare White House visitor.

Lewis had not been to the White House since December 17, 1941. On that date he attended a labor-management session at which President Roosevelt obtained the war-time no-strike, no-lockout pledge.

Travel Of Thousands Hampered By Walkout Of Bus Operators

Brazilians Guaranteed Liberties

Civil Freedoms Of All Citizens Will Not Be Taken Away

Rio De Janeiro, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Brazilians were told today that civil liberties of all citizens would be guaranteed without political or religious discrimination as the government which suspended the 15-year rule of Getulio Vargas paved the way for national elections on December 2.

The cabinet of President Jose Lulias, emerging from its first meeting announced adoption of a resolution that its first duty would be to prepare the nation for the election of a president.

It was believed possible the new Justice Minister T. Sampaio Dantas would recommend repeal of a Vargas decree which prohibited such elections to be held concurrently with national balloting, a measure which permitted Vargas to place his government in control of state elections.

Comments on Rumors Dantas, commenting on rumors that Communists were being banished up asserted that under the present government "no person can be arrested for being a Communist or an atheist."

At the same time the new police chief, Roberto De Goda, issued a message to the public which said: "As a result I will guarantee the liberty of all citizens without distinction as to their political, religious or moral attitudes, fixing as a limit that point where their freedom impairs that of others. There will be no political prisoners."

British Sure Hitler Dead

Berlin, Nov. 1.—(AP)—British headquarters said tonight that evidence sifted from reports showed "as conclusively as possible" without the bodies" that Hitler and his mistress Eva Braun, died last April 30 in the bunker of the Reichschancellery.

Their bodies later were burned just outside the bunker, the British report said, even as Russian troops were applying the last touches to the conquest of Berlin.

The British report said both committed suicide, Hitler by shooting himself through the mouth and his mistress by taking poison.

"After the suicides the bodies were taken into the garden just outside the bunker by Propaganda Minister Goebbels and several others, drenched with gasoline and burned," the British concluded.

Drivers Seeking Mile-Rate Boost; 4,000 Are Idle

(By The Associated Press) Travel of thousands of bus passengers in a wide section of the country was impeded today as service on Greyhound bus lines east of Chicago into New England and Southern states was halted by a strike of 4,000 AFL employees over a wage dispute.

The walkout of drivers, who agents a garage employees after unsuccessful efforts at conciliation affected service on six Greyhound lines serving series of cities. A bus line spokesman in New York said the AFL walkout has not been settled as the company did not plan to hire substitute drivers.

The strikers left their jobs in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, O., Washington, Easton and other cities at the midnight strike deadline shortly after a federal conciliator in Washington said a three-man parley had failed to effect a settlement. The AFL Americanized Street Railway and Motor Coach Operators union was asking for an increase in the mile rate for drivers—from three-fourths of a cent to a full cent.

The drivers want 375 cents a mile instead of the present rate of 150 cents for eastern mileage, and 175 cents in Chicago and St. Louis areas.

50,000 Carried Daily Lines, affected by the strike were Central Greyhound, New England, Pennsylvania, Canadian Greyhound, Illinois and Eastern Greyhound. The number of passengers carried daily was not immediately determined, but a spokesman said the September average was between 40,000 and 50,000 daily.

Across the country, continuing labor disputes kept idle about 250,000 workers, a drop of some 20,000 in 24 hours.

A strike vote involving 50,000 Western Telegraph Co. employees outside New York city was held yesterday by an AFL board representing three unions after successful said efforts to settle a wage dispute had failed.

British To Take Over More Firms

Nationalization Plan Of Labor Government Is Expanded Greatly

London, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The British Government expanded its economic nationalization program in the evening announcements today to include public ownership of civilian airlines and a \$129,000,000 world communications network.

Almost simultaneously, Health Minister Bevan informed Commons that the government planned to control the rent of furnished houses and apartments.

Majority Leader Herbert Morrison served notice also the government would acquire scrutiny of private munitions manufacturers' costs.

Spokesmen said legislation would be introduced quickly. While Conservative members are sure to protest several of the moves, their enactment by the overwhelming Labor majority appears certain.

The telecommunications services now operated by Cable and Radio Ltd. is the communications network involved. Chancellor of the Exchequer Dalton said the government had decided to pass on public ownership. He said legislation for that purpose would be introduced "in due course."

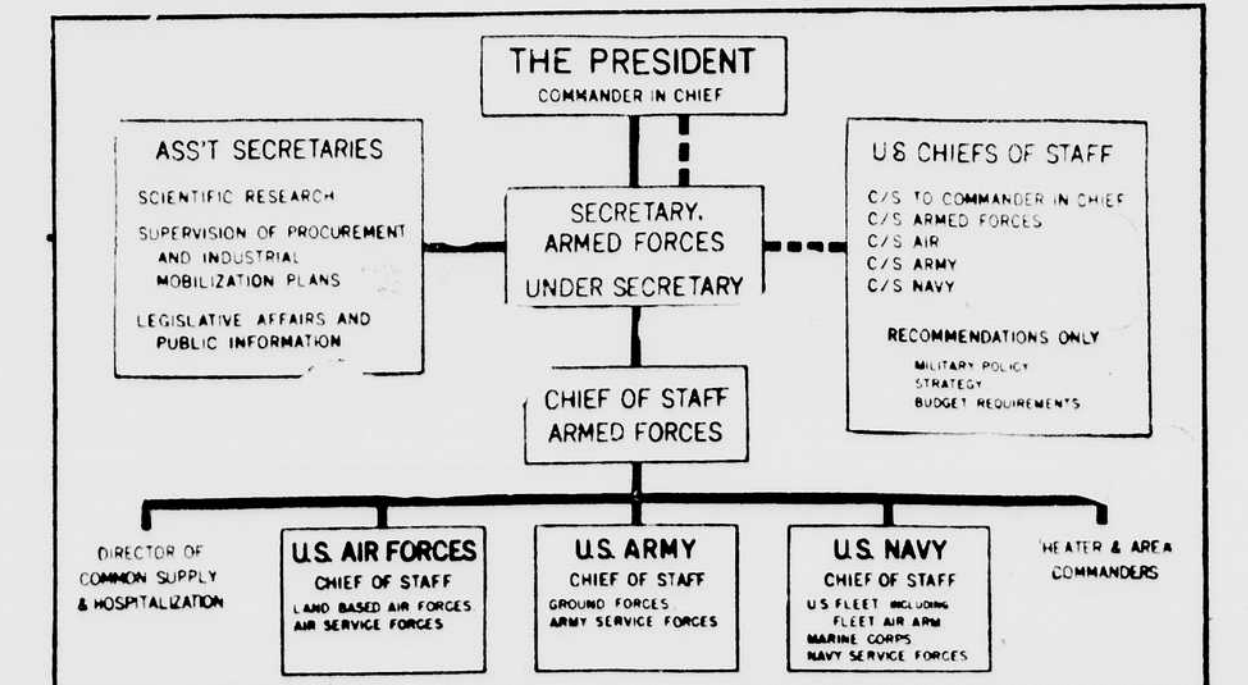
BRITAIN ENDORSES TRUMAN'S POLICY

London, Nov. 1.—(AP)—President Harry S. Truman's outline of American foreign policy made at a Navy Day address in New York today had the stamp of approval of Britain's Labor government.

In accepting the 14-point plan, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told Commons the United States policy would prove a valuable contribution to world peace, "the more it becomes effective."

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PROPOSED WAR DEPT. PLAN FOR ONE COMMAND



HERE IS THE WAR DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED SET-UP for a single department of national defense. During hearings before the Senate Military Affairs committee, the Army chiefs offered this plan for a merger of the Army and Navy. Under this idea—which a number of Navy leaders, including Secretary Forrestal, oppose—the Army, Navy and Air Forces would be under a new "Secretary of the Armed Forces." (International)

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Friday.