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## CONSOLIDATION OF SMALLER SCHOOLS IN STATE WANTED

Recommendation Is Given  
To State Board By  
Its Comptroller

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The State Board of Education, on recommendation of Comptroller Paul Reid, urged local governmental administrative units today to survey the possibility of consolidating the 2,586 one, two, three and four teacher schools in the State.

Reid's original recommendation, which also stated that the board intended to revert to its pre-war teacher allotment policy in the 1945-47 school year, was amended by the board. Instead of favoring consolidation outright, the board suggested that a survey be made.

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Comptroller Paul Reid of the State Board of Education recommended today that the 2,586 one, two, three and four teacher public schools in the State be consolidated.

There are 3,102 public schools in North Carolina.

He prefaced his recommendation with an assertion that since the atomic age had arrived, there must be even closer cooperation between people and higher standards of education.

Improved facilities can be offered to school children in the lesser populated areas, he said; if the smaller elementary and high schools, both white and negro, be consolidated. In that way, he said, one teacher would have to teach several grades in several subjects, in some of which they may not need special training.

### Better Scholastic Offerings

The increased problem of the shortage, he said, would be more than offset by a greater excellence of scholastic offerings.

In order that the consolidation effort might be given a boost, he asked that the board recommend such a step to the local administrative units.

Reid said his recommended program, which he admitted would take some years to finally effect, would entail some new buildings, but would result in a smaller number of teachers.

## Scientist Tells Of Fantastic Rays From Atom Bomb

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A scientist described today how fantastic effects of rays given off by atomic bombs killed Japanese weeks after the blasts—which flattened Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Dr. Philip Morrison, who helped assemble those two bombs, said the rays strangely affected the blood and made the victims a prey to fatal infections.

In a statement prepared for the special Senate Atomic Energy committee, he told the group of the findings of a group of scientists which inspected the cities after the Japanese surrendered.

He said most persons within a mile of the blast died quickly—either from the great heat of the explosion or injuries suffered in demolished buildings.

## Chinese Awaiting Red O. K. Before Entering Mukden

Chungking, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Chinese Nationalists are within 25 miles of Mukden and will delay their entry until Russia approves, a Manchurian dispatch said today.

Soviet troops are garrisoning Mukden; there are no Chinese Communists in the city, the report said.

Negotiations between Nationalist officials recently returned to Chungking and Soviet Marshal Malinovsky were reported resumed and "progressing smoothly." The conferences were arranging, among other things, early entry of airborne Nationalist troops into Manchuria.

## Automobile Workers And General Motors Start Wage Parley

### First Negotiations In 16 Days Of Walkout Starts; No Indication Given

Detroit, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Hopes for settlement of the General Motors strike were raised today as the firm and the CIO-affiliated Auto Workers headed toward their first wage negotiations in the 16 days of the walkout.

Neither side in the wage fight which has cost 213,000 workers offered a formal statement, but definite signs of optimism were appearing for the first time. One report said there might be peace within ten days.

Today's bargaining session was arranged at yesterday's secret meeting of the union and General Motors officials in Pittsburgh, attended by GM President Philip Murray.

A citizens committee invited by the UAW-CIO to study the dispute gave its report today that the "full range" of collective bargaining had not been exhausted.

#### Study Transcript

The 14-member group, which studied the transcript of the G.M.-UAW negotiations, said that it President Truman and his advisors had had access to this record. "We believe they would have been in a position to insist more firmly on the full use of collective bargaining progress before suggesting intervention by the government."

Murray said "all points of dispute" would be considered to today's meeting and Walter Reuther declared that G.M. had agreed there would be "no strings attached at this time."

General Motors previously had refused to negotiate other issues, including wages, until what it termed illegal picketing had been halted. Since a practice, the management said, prevented some 40,000 fine workers, in addition to the 175,000 strikers from entering strike-closed plants.

On what terms a settlement might be reached remained the big question, especially in view of the union's demand for an increase of 30 per cent over the present wage levels.

## Hurley On Stand Again At Inquiry

### Acheson Blamed For Ruining U. S. Policy In Near East Iran

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Strike prevention legislation that had caused a deep rift between the Truman Administration and organized labor began the peripatetic journey through Congress today.

Introduced formally in the House under the name of Chairman Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, it was sped to the Labor Committee which called a meeting for tomorrow to decide what action to take.

Acting Chairman Ramspeck of Georgia said he expected that committee to order brief public hearings next week and to approve the bill substantially as present form. It is to be voted on before Christmas.

Ramspeck called the 1,000 word measure "the administration's bill" and said it embodies everything the President asked in an effort to prevent strikes in major industries.

The measure would give the

## North Carolina Still Has 829 One-Teacher Schools

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Raleigh, Dec. 6.—It may surprise many North Carolinians to learn that despite comprehensive consolidation programs begun 30 years ago, the state still has more than 1,000 one and two teacher schools. Even more surprising is that 113 of them are high schools.

Figures were compiled by Paul Reid, controller of the state board of education, for presentation to the board at its meeting Thursday, showing 329 one teacher schools, including 799 elementary and 30 high schools. Of these, 628 are for negroes, including 18 high schools, and 201 for whites, including 12 high schools.

In the two-teacher group there are 509 colored and 182 white elementary schools; 31 colored and 52 white high schools, for a total of 691 two-teacher schools.

The three-teacher units include 664 elementary and 45 high schools for negroes, 165 elementary and 207 high schools for white pupils, a total of 621 in this group.

It is conceded on all sides that many of these small schools are se-

### ARRIVES FOR UNIQUE OPERATION



**BLONDE, BLUE-EYED AND COURAGEOUS** Judy Hackman, 2, and her mother, Pauline, of Buckley, Wash., are shown during a stopover at La Guardia Field in New York, before leaving for Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., where the child will undergo an unusual heart operation. They flew 2,566 miles from Seattle, Wash., and Judy wore an oxygen mask during most of the flight. She has a heart condition that prevents a normal supply of blood from reaching her lungs. (International)

## Two High Ranking Japs Named As War Criminals

### Coalition Regime Is Declared Key In China Dispute

Tokyo, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The question of war or peace in China hangs on acceptance by Generalissimo Chiang of the broad general principle of a democratic coalition government. Chinese Communist circles at this Communist headquarters said this.

Inability to sell that point to the generalissimo caused the failure of Major General Patrick Hurley's mission as U. S. ambassador, they said. Any impression that Chiang was ready and willing to give in on that subject and even have offered to take Communists into the government immediately was totally false, Yenan leaders said.

The approaching peace talks in Chungking likely to decide the entire course of the future, would be helped by considering little qualms, Communist demands, Yenan said.

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