



Henderson Daily Dispatch



THIRTY-SECOND YEAR

LEASED WIRE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

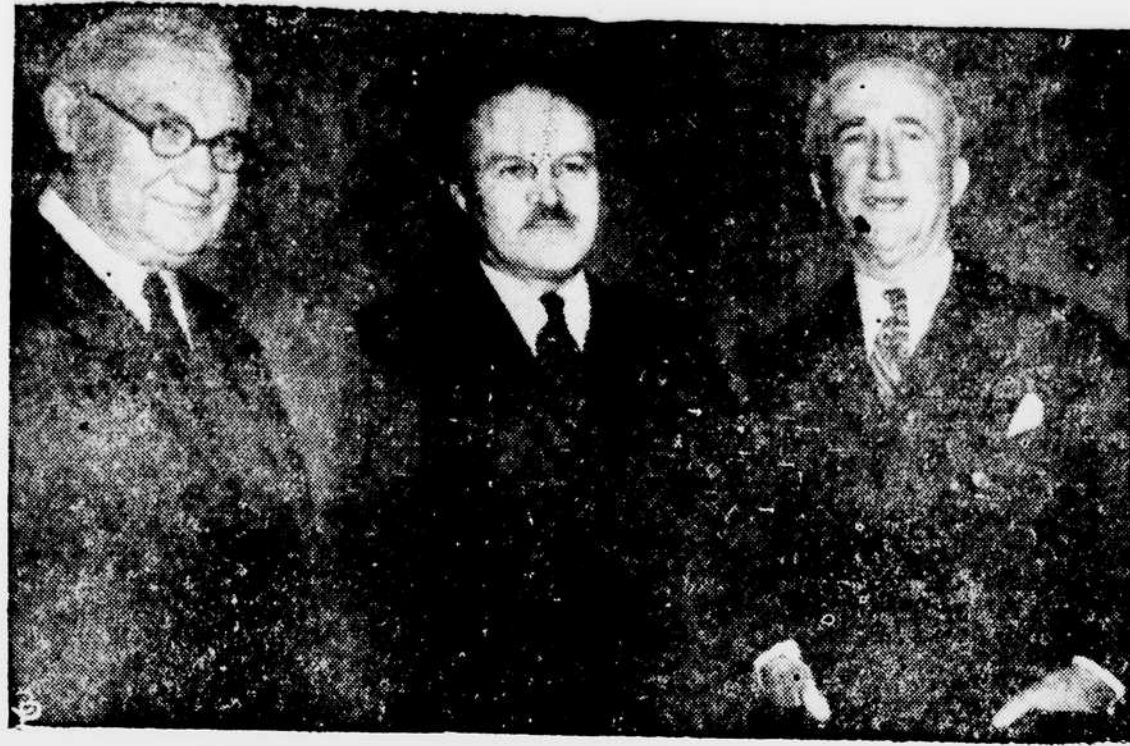
HENDERSON, N. C.,

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 19, 1945

PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SUNDAY

FIVE CENTS COPY

"BIG THREE" MINISTERS OPEN MOSCOW CONFERENCES



The vital question of international control of atomic energy highlighted the conferences of the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers shown here as they met in Moscow and opened their talks with the serious business of bringing Russia, England and the United States into a closer bond for world peace. At left is English Premier Winston Churchill; in center, Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin; and at right, Secretary of State James Byrnes, International (By radio from Russia.)

Western Union Employees Lay Plans For Strike On Jan. 7

Anti-Jewish Horrors Of Nazis Bared

35 Synagogues Were Destroyed in 2 Day Period of Outbreaks

Nuremberg, Dec. 19.—(AP)—One brigade of Adolf Hitler's brown shirted storm troopers alone blew up or burned 29 synagogues in a two-day outbreak of anti-Jewish terrorism. American prosecutors told the United Nations war crimes tribunal today.

Evidence of violence and terror from the storm troopers' own records was presented to the tribunal in the prosecution's effort to place war crimes convictions against thousands of lesser Nazis, as well as the score of Hitler's top henchmen now sitting in the prisoners' box at the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg.

Colonel Robert Storey, assistant United States prosecutor, said the brown shirted storm troopers, also known as the SA, was organized before Hitler's rise to power "to beat up and terrorize all political opponents."

The SA is the third Nazi organization to have its secrets laid bare before the court. The prosecution, led by Justice Robert H. Jackson of the United States Supreme Court, contends that six organizations should be convicted as criminal groups and that their members should be held guilty of war crimes on varying degrees.

Evidence already has been presented against the Nazi Leadership Corps, and the Reich Cabinet Staff remaining to have their day in court are the Elite Guard, the German high command and the Gestapo.

Plenty of Spuds

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—(AP)—OPA will continue to suspend white potatoes from price control through next March 6. Theodore S. Johnson, District Director, said today. This action was taken in view of the plentiful supply of potatoes in the present crop, Mr. Johnson explained. This year's crop is reported to be the second largest in history.

Chiang Back In Nanking, Lauds U. S.-China Policy

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek returned triumphantly late yesterday to Nanking, the pre-war capital from which he and his government were driven in 1937.

Accompanied by Madame Chiang, he flew there in a Chinese-made C-47 from Peiping, where he told reporters he was glad President Truman reaffirmed "the original United States policy toward China."

"I admire him because he has shown he understands the situation in this country," he said.

Meanwhile, this city prepared to welcome tomorrow General George Marshall, American ambassador who probably will fly on to Nanking the following day. Plans for a Chiang-

48,000 AFL Union Members Affected; Wage Hike Sought

(By The Associated Press)

AFL union employees of Western Union laid plans today for a nationwide walkout of 48,000 members the morning of January 7, 1946.

Acting on authorization of a strike vote conducted by the National Labor Relations board December 1, the general committee fixed the strike call at 8 a. m. in each time zone.

Negotiations between the union and company on 13 issues, including a 25 per cent wage increase and a 25 per cent annual cost-of-living allowance, were deadlocked last August. Officers of the United States consultation Service to bring about an agreement failed.

CIO Not Affected
Union officials said the only employees of the communications system would not be affected are the CIO affiliated workers in New York.

The committee sent telegrams last night to all heads saying "the strike action is based on all issues in dispute between the company and the union and this action will take place unless these issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the union."

It contended that any "unauthorized strike" before the late set would result in suspension and action to expel the local or official responsible.

There was no comment from Western Union officials regarding the walkout.

Steel Workers Lay Plans
Other nation-wide walkouts scheduled next month include the strike call of some 700,000 CIO United Steel Workers for January 14. The union is demanding a \$2 a day wage hike. The CIO United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers union also has announced a strike for some time after January 1 by its estimated 200,000 workers in 75 plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors.

Like the steel workers, the electrical workers are demanding a \$2 a day wage increase.

The dispute in the automotive industry between the "big three" and the CIO-United Auto Workers centered at Detroit and Washington today.

Union leaders and top officials of General Motors were in Washington for the first of President Truman's fact finding board on the month-old strike of about 175,000 G.M. employees in support of demands for a 30 per cent wage boost.

Marshall meeting have not been made but Chungking's The World Daily News said Marshall would meet the Chinese leader in Nanking and then accompany him to Chungking.

Marshall in Manila
Marshall arrived in Manila today and plans to leave for Shanghai tomorrow.

Crowds greeted the Chiangs at Nanking as their fighter-escorted plane landed at 4 p. m. at the Ming Tombs Airfield. Accompanied by General Ho Ying'chin, commander in chief of Chinese ground forces,

the official party toured the city in which most of the executive Yuan and other governmental branches already are established.

CONTROL OF JAPAN LOOMS BIGGER AT 'BIG THREE' MEET

Atomic Energy Problem Of Top Importance, The Observers Say

Moscow, Dec. 19.—(AP)—While authoritative quarters said the problem of control of atomic energy was of uppermost importance, foreign ministers of the "big three" nations went into the fourth day of their "exploratory" talks today with the question of control of Japan looming bigger in the picture.

Although the talks were cloaked in the strictest secrecy, observers attached importance to the fact that one of the advisors to Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov at yesterday's session was Y. A. Malik, last Soviet ambassador to Japan.

Byrnes Sees Experts
They also pointed out that United States Secretary of State James Byrnes conferred yesterday with John C. Vincent, head of the Far Eastern section of the State Department as well as Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard and atomic expert. Vincent later accompanied Byrnes to the meeting of the ministers.

Another question reported to be high on the agenda was the Iranian problem. Both Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin conferred with their Iranian experts shortly after publication of a statement by Iranian Premier Ibrahim Hakiqi yesterday appealing to the United States, Britain and Russia to withdraw their troops from Iran.

There was no announcement after yesterday's meeting, which lasted three hours and 15 minutes—the longest since Molotov, Byrnes and Bevin started their discussions Sunday. Informed quarters said that they were well along on the main question which brought them together.

Churchill Is Coming To America

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The White House disclosed today that Winston Churchill, former British premier, is coming to the United States early next year.

The White House said Churchill would leave England by ship for New York about the middle of January. The announcement, made simultaneously in London and Washington, said Churchill will address the students at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., on March 5.

The former premier will be introduced there by President Truman. The White House said Mr. Truman had endorsed the invitation extended by the college.

4 Shopping days till Christmas

Three Dead On Southern

Charlotte, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Southern Railway officials here said three persons were reported killed and several injured when a freight train ran into the rear of the neighborhood Freedman Limited at White Sulphur, Ga., near Gainesville, shortly after noon.

T. C. Blackwell, general superintendent of transportation for the railroad's lines east, said his information indicated the freight crashed into the all-Pullman limited while the passenger train was stopped for a signal.

Crippled communication facilities caused by the weather hampered receipt of details here. A number of soldiers and sailors were aboard the passenger train.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Clearing and much colder tonight. Lowest temperature 18 to 21 in north and west and 21 to 25 in east and south tonight. Thursday fair and colder.

PRESIDENT ASKS SERVICE MERGER

Congress Given Nine Arguments Favoring Unity

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Harry Truman underlined nine arguments for combining the War and Navy Departments into one single department of national defense in a message to Congress today.

In his own words they were:

- 1—We should have integrated strategic plans and a unified military program and budget.
- 2—We should realize the economies that can be achieved through unified control of supply and service functions.
- 3—We should adopt the organizational structure best suited to fostering coordination between the military and the remainder of the government.
- 4—We should provide the strongest means for civilian control of the military.
- 5—We should organize to provide parity for air power.
- 6—We should establish the most advantageous framework for a unified system of training for our combined operations of land, sea and air.

Research Necessary

- 7—We should allocate systematically our limited resources for scientific research.
- 8—We should have unity of command in outlying areas.
- 9—We should have consistent and adequate personnel policies.

The President specified several details for the unification:

Civilian Head

- 1—There should be a single department of national defense.
- 2—The head of this department should be a civilian. Under him there should be a civilian undersecretary and several civilian assistant secretaries.
- 3—There should be three coordinated branches of the government: one for the land forces, one for the naval forces and one for the air forces, each under an assistant secretary.
- 4—The undersecretary and the remaining assistant secretaries should be available for assignment to whatever duties the President and the secretary may determine.
- 5—The President and the secretary should be provided with ample authority to establish central coordinating and service organizations.
- 6—There should be a chief of staff. There should also be a commander for each of the three branches—army, navy and air.
- 7—The chief of staff and the commanders of the three branches should together constitute an advisory body to the secretary and to the President. It would be wise if the post of chief of staff were rotated among the several services whenever practical.

OPA To Have Holidays

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—(AP)—North Carolina War Price and Rationing Boards and the Charlotte and Raleigh district offices of OPA will be closed on December 24 and 25 for Christmas holidays and December 31 and January 1 for New Year.

To make up for the two Monday holidays the OPA will be open Saturday, December 29, and Saturday, January 5.

WINTER'S BEAUTY HIDES COSTLY AKRON FIRE



After the worst fire suffered by Akron, O., in 25 years and which was fought by firemen in sub-zero weather, a man-made iceberg appears to hide the \$500,000 damage. Water from the hoses quickly formed scores of spectacular designs. (International)

Pearl Harbor Committee Is Deciding Probe Fate

Executive Session Held To Determine How Much Longer Inquiry To Continue

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor committee called to executive session by late today to consider how much longer the five-week old inquiry shall continue—a question that may eventually bring on a hot fight in Congress.

This was disclosed by Chairman Barkley of Kentucky, as the Senate House investigators received records showing that in the spring of 1941, Japan was convinced that the United States was reading some of her secret codes.

Capt. McVay Acquitted Of Charges

Wallops, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A navy general court-martial today acquitted Captain Charles B. McVay, III on a charge of negligence in the sinking of the heavy cruiser Indianapolis.

With respect to this charge against the cruiser skipper, the court held that it was "not proved."

There was no announcement of the court's decision on the charge of negligence against him for allegedly failing to steer a zig-zag course through waters where enemy submarines might be encountered.

Navy regulations require immediate announcement only of a finding that charges are not proved.

McVay has been standing court martial on charge of negligence and inefficiency in the loss of his ship, the heavy cruiser Indianapolis, which was sunk by enemy action in the Philippines Sea last July 30 with heavy casualties.

The sinking was announced by the Navy Department the night of Aug. 14, a few hours after President Truman announced the surrender of Japan.

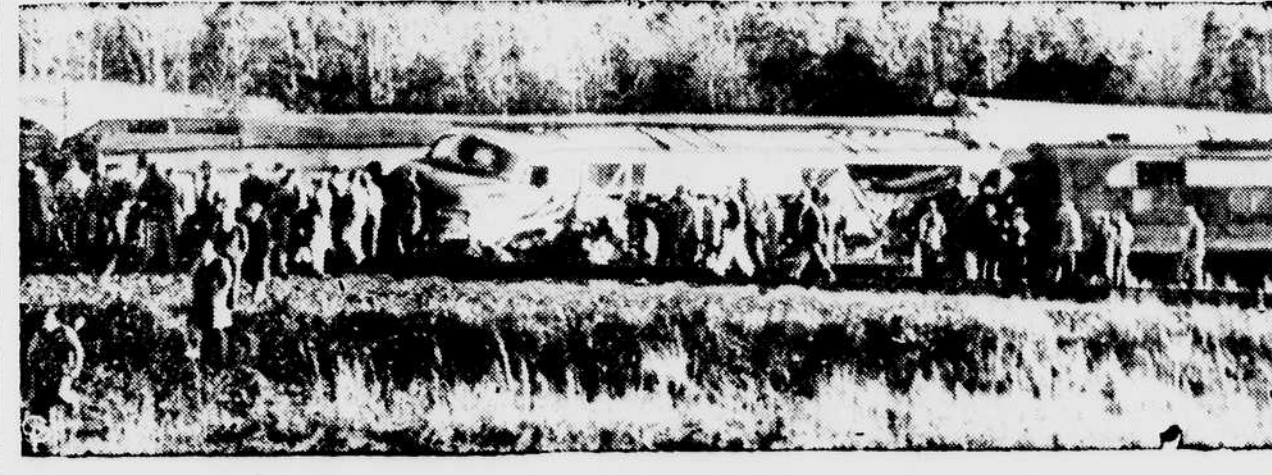
State Treasurer Johnson Against Loan To Britain

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Expressing opposition to a proposed United States loan of \$4,000,000 to Britain, State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson said today that the money could better be spent in dealing with some of this country's post-war problems.

In a speech prepared for delivery here the North Carolina Citizens' association, which is holding its 13th annual meeting here, Johnson said that "the time has come when we must begin to retrench and to make that we can go on indefinitely spending more than we are earning in. We must begin to look at balancing the budget and now is a good time to begin."

The Treasurer pointed to the fact that the United States now is in debt \$275,000,000,000 and with reference to the contemplated loan to Britain said: "I do not believe it should be read into the general welfare clause of the Constitution that the people of this country should pay taxes in order that the State or Federal government could go to the money lending business. I think it is high time that we speak out loudly enough for our delegation in Congress to hear that we do not approve any such action."

AT CAROLINA SCENE OF FATAL TRAIN-WRECK



Taken shortly after the pre-dawn collision in which seven or more persons were killed and at least 65 were injured, this picture shows the Seaboard Air Line's wrecked tracks at Kollock, S. C., where the Florida-bound "Silver Meteor" crashed into the coaches of the New York-bound "Sun Queen" as the latter were being drawn into a siding. (International Soundphoto)