

TRUMAN SATISFIED WITH AGREEMENTS ON ATOMIC BOMB

Other Compacts Also Get Presidential Approval; News Meet Held

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Harry Truman today expressed complete satisfaction with the atomic energy and other agreements reached at Moscow by the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain and Russia.

He also told a news conference that the agreement providing for recognition of the Rumanian, Polish and Yugoslav governments were conditional and that he would have the final say.

Mr. Truman, meeting the press for the first time since the Christmas holidays told questioners he had no information to indicate the Russians had developed an atomic bomb.

Report Russia Has Bomb
(He apparently was referring to a report by Dr. Raphael E. G. Armatoc, director of Lomeshire Research Center for Anthropology and Northern Biology at Londonderry, Northern Island, that Russia had developed a bomb that made the United States version obsolete.)

Mr. Truman said flatly that the Rumanian, Polish and Yugoslav governments were not going to be recognized formally without guarantees of free and fair elections, and added:

"I have final say."
Mr. Truman said he endorsed fully yesterday's statement by Secretary of State James Byrnes that the atomic bomb secret was in no danger under the Moscow agreements.

Shidehara's Resignation Considered

Tokyo, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Japanese cabinet checked to ailing Premier Shidehara today the question of whether it would resign under Allied pressure to rid the government of war-makers, a spokesman said.

Recovering from pneumonia, the 73-year-old premier was unable to attend the day's cabinet deliberations, but he received a report on the meeting.

A secretary, Kuramatsu Kishi, emphasized that the premier himself would make the final decision as to whether the cabinet would resign or remain in office after its forthcoming reorganization.

Allied observers expressed the opinion that General Douglas MacArthur's disqualification of prominent ultra-nationalists from candidacy in the forthcoming election would not destroy the more powerful political machine. They said it would broaden the field for independence but that the influence of the machine and some disqualified men working behind the scene would remain highly important.

Lint Futures Up 85 Cents At Noon

New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 25 cents to 40 cents a bale higher.

	Pv. Close	Open
March	24.51	24.53
May	24.30	24.37
October	23.59	23.66
May	24.44	24.49
December	23.50	23.53
March (1946)	23.38	23.45

State Wants To Buy Butner Hospital

By LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—For weeks before the Camp Butner general hospital was placed on the excess list the North Carolina board of hospital control had been angling for it. Official announcement that the army expects to close it by March 1 has spurred state authorities to get busy.

Arrangements have been made for the members of the regular board along with the medical advisory commission to visit Camp Butner on Wednesday of this week. Dr. David Young, general superintendent; R. M. Rothgeb, general business manager, and one or two members of the board have already inspected facilities and found them to be very suitable for state use.

The type of building construction, sprawled out over wide areas, all on ground floors, which renders the unit undesirable for a private general hospital, makes it almost ideal for the care of mental patients. For

Temporary Shoring Holds Bombs On Ship



Third Mate Mac Walker (left) and Seaman B. R. Pepin right of the U. S. Liberty ship Henry D. Thoreau, which reached Charleston, S. C., January 6, inspect a temporary shoring which kept tons of bombs from falling into a lower hold after they became loosened during a stormy crossing of the Atlantic from Gibraltar. Capt. S. C. Briggs radioed a distress call when the bombs became dangerous, but put his crew to building shoring, and proceeded to Charleston under his own power. (AP Photo.)

Washington Cease Fire Angered By GI Protest

Probe By Congress Of Demolition Program Expected

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Global GI cries of "nafa" over demobilization got Capitol Hill worked up today.

As doughboys demonstrated in the Pacific, Europe and right outside the Capital at Andrew Field, the slowdown in the army's demobilization program brought these Congressional reprimands:

1—Demand for a Congressional investigation of the entire program as requested by 12,000 American soldiers in a resolution adopted yesterday at Manila.

2—The possibility of a rush of signatures, which Congress reconvenes next week, to a House petition that would force immediate action on demobilization legislation.

There was a strong probability that the House military committee would order an investigation or at least a formal inquiry although Chairman Andrew May, Democrat, Kentucky, was said by "observers" to feel that the army is doing the best it can.

Letters, telegrams and petitions demanding action have started piling up in the committee's quarters. And one member commented privately that because this is a Congressional election year, "they are likely to receive some attention."

Strike Fails To Hurt Mart Much

New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The stock market continued business as on a normal basis today, with rallying tendencies general throughout the list, despite the strike of New York Western Union operators.

Ahead of the greater part of the day were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Willys-Overland, Studebaker, Schenley, Chicago, Great Western, Great Northern, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, U. S. Rubber, Western Union "A", and Montgomery Ward.

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surgical cases and really sick people, beds must be concentrated in small area, preferably under one roof with elevator service. For mental patients who are able to walk around, the low buildings with inclined ramps and covered walkways are just the thing.

Would Close Sutton.
Utilization of the Camp Butner facilities would permit the state to give up its lease on Camp Sutton and move the patients from there as well as several hundred more from the older units to Butner. If the whole plant can be obtained it is also thought that the sorely needed additional space for the waiting list at Caswell Training School can be arranged without the expense of new buildings.

Such provision for patients from the hospital units at Raleigh and Morganton, and for those of the type cared for at Caswell, will save the state five or six million dollars in building costs, according to unofficial estimates of hospital board

Decrees Expected To Be Issued By Factions Tomorrow

Chongking, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Chinese press predicted today that orders to cease firing in China's civil strife would be issued by both the government and the Communists tomorrow.

The war-time capital of China awaited some formal announcement from General George Marshall, President Truman's special envoy to China, and government and Communist negotiators.

Nothing has come from them since Marshall emerged from a session yesterday and announced "we have made progress."

A spokesman for the Democratic League said he had not been advised by Communist sources that the cease firing order would not include Manchuria where government troops are now moving in.

He reported the Communists agreed to this proposal.

Discharges Defended By President

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman today attributed the slowdown in the army's rate of demobilization to the critical need for troops overseas.

The President said in a statement he was convinced that both the army and navy are demobilizing "with commendable efficiency and with justice to all concerned."

"The armed forces have been reduced as fast as possible. For many reasons it is impossible for every member of the armed force to be discharged promptly."

He mentioned both the "enormous size" of the task involved and the fact that the U. S. "must assume its full share of responsibility for

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Western Union Strike In N. Y. Said 100 Per Cent Effective; Truman Forecasts Steel Hike

Price Boost Of \$2.50 Ton May Result

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)

—President Truman said today that some increase in the price of steel probably would be granted as the result of discussions now underway.

Asked whether the increase would be around \$2 per ton, the President said he didn't have the figures and that he could not say whether it would head off a threatened big steel strike.

The President at the same time stuck firmly to his insistence that a fact finding procedure, coupled with a 30 day cooling off period, is the way to prevent strikes.

Meanwhile top government wage-price administrators and their staffs conferred at length on the possibility of granting price concessions to the steel and meat packing industries in time to avert strikes scheduled for January 14 and 16, respectively.

30 Per Cent Demanded
Both industries insist they need higher prices to meet CIO union demands for wage increases approximating 30 per cent.

A third strike, among 200,000 CIO-United Electrical Workers at General Electric, General Motors and Westinghouse, is set for January 15.

But the price question has not yet been raised actively in that dispute.

Inability to pay is not an argument either in the G.M. strike of 175,000 CIO-United Auto Workers out since November 21, or in the three and one-half-month dispute of some 40,000 CIO-oleo workers whose September strike led to navy seizure action. Wage increases of approximately 30 per cent are sought by both unions.

Fast Developments
Nevertheless, in all except the electrical dispute there were fact-breaking developments, any one of which might lead to settlement of one or more of the wage deadlocks.

President Truman conferred yesterday with OPA Chief Chester Bowles on the question of a steel price hike.

Later, it was learned from persons in a position to know that Bowles told the President that OPA could not recommend now a price boost to cover the \$2 a day wage increase by the union.

Instead, it was reported the OPA would recommend a increase of \$2.25 or \$2.50 a ton. The U. S. Steel corporation is said to have asked for \$7.00 a ton hike to meet what it considers past price deficiencies and future wage increases.

U.S. Finishes Case Against Nazi Leader

Nuernberg, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The United States completed a four-hour accusatory today against Hermann Goering, who was described as "more dangerous in some respects" than Adolf Hitler and the British launched into the prosecution of ghost-faced Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

Hour after hour, Ralph H. Albrecht gave a careful tabulation of ruthless deeds of Goering, as verified by captured German papers. Virtually all had been submitted earlier to the International Military Tribunal, trying 22 ranking Nazis as war criminals.

Goering was shown to have negotiated prominently for the absorption of Austria, to have given false assurances of friendship to Poland, to have ordered the first million slave workers brought to Germany from Poland and to have sponsored the art-looting program for most of occupied Europe. His major role in the impoverishment and persecutions of the Jews was retold and his plan for exploiting Soviet Russian resources was mentioned.

Then a former British attorney general, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, started presenting the case against Ribbentrop, former German foreign minister, whom he branded as "an extraordinary meddler in virtually every phase of Nazi aggression."

In a sarcastic voice, Sir David recited the diplomatic career of the former champagne salesman from 76 German state papers.

LABOR ADVISOR WITH W. E. PICKETS



SPECIAL LABOR ADVISOR to New York City Mayor William O'Dwyer, Judge Edward McGuire (arrow) is shown talking things over with a group of strikers on the picket line at the West 42nd Street plant of the Western Electric Company. Some violence was reported here when non-strikers attempted to enter the plant. (International)

Six-Year-Old Child Was Attacked Before She Was Slaughtered

Autopsy Shows Degan Child Raped; Strangled To Death, Then Cut-Up

Chicago, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Coroner A. L. Brodie said today that a physician's autopsy showed that Suzanne Degan, 6, was raped before she was strangled to death by a Finnish killer who lopped dismembered parts of her body in sewer catch-basins near her East Side home yesterday.

Brodie, reporting to Supervising Police Captain Joseph Goldberg said the physician, Dr. Thomas Carter, in an examination found fingerprints on the child's throat which indicated she had been strangled to death, presumably after being raped.

Meanwhile, one hundred hand-picked Chicago policemen began a house-to-house, store-to-store search for the man who kidnapped the pretty, golden haired daughter of a Chicago OPA executive.

In Different Places
The head, torso and legs were found in four different catch-basins in the vicinity of the Degan home at 5943 Kenmore Avenue in the fashionable Edgewater Beach area.

Only the arms of the pretty little victim were missing.

About five hours after the head was found in a sewer, the left leg, severed at the thigh with a clean cut, was discovered in a sewer in a nearby alley. The right leg and parts of the torso were removed from another sewer in a nearby alley, north and near the Degan home.

Later the remainder of the torso, minus the arms, was found in another sewer, also less than a block from the home.

Police said the torso was found in a sugar sack and also inside the bag was a pair of girl's blue pajamas, which fitted the description of the clothing worn by Suzanne when she was kidnapped.

Many Interviewed
Grim, infuriated officers set about to interview everyone living in the area, every janitor and stockbroker.

1946 Tobacco Crop Allotments Hiked 10 Per Cent By Anderson

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson today ordered a general increase of 10 per cent in the previously announced national marketing quotas for the 1946 crop of flue-cured tobacco.

This increase was ordered, he said, primarily to provide tobacco needed for export. Flue-cured tobacco is used largely in the manufacture of cigarettes.

The increase will be made effective through a ten per cent addition to each grower's average allotment for 1946 as determined under previously announced provisions of the

Firm Denies Reports Of Using Scabs

New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A walkout of Western Union employees in New York city began at 7:10 a. m. today, four hours before the scheduled time of a strike expected to slow to a near standstill the heart of the nation's telegraphic and cable communications.

A shop steward at the company's headquarters at 60 Hudson St.—hub of the far flung Western Union network—said the strike was advanced because the company was "shipping in four carloads of strike-breakers."

Company spokesmen denied that Western Union was using strike breakers, saying there was nothing to such reports.

Lewis Siebenberg, vice chairman of local 40, one of eight locals of the CIO-American Communications Association which are involved in a wage dispute with the company said at 9:30 a. m. that the strike was "100 per cent effective with 7,000 employees out."

1,600 Points Affected
Another union spokesman said that 1,600 points in greater New York, including all of Long Island as well as Newark, N. J., Hoboken, Union City, Jersey City and Bayonne, N. J., were struck.

Still a third spokesman for the union said "a state of strike" had existed among employees since last night and that "very little" work was done by union members because they were "highly indignant" at the company's rejection of a proposal by Mayor William O'Dwyer for settling the dispute.

Twelve hundred pickets surrounded the Hudson Street building. Cries of "scab" and "strike breaker" filled the air as persons approached the building.

Six policemen were on the scene. One central case was open.

At the main Western Union office the power tubes which carry messages were shut off. A number of branch offices were not open for business.

In the cavernous Pennsylvania Station, which a branch office is maintained, an assistant manager for the firm said plugs had been pulled from the machines.

Union locals in eight international cable and radio message firms, in a sympathetic move, voted not to handle messages from Western Union offices throughout the nation during the strike. The walkout was called by the CIO's American communications association in protest against a war labor board directive.

The CIO workers are protesting a decision granting them a 12 cent per hour wage boost. The AFL-Commercial Telegraphers Union, representing some 50,000 workers outside New York, have accepted a WLB grant of 12 cents an hour wage hike and have decided not to strike.

News circuits of the Associated Press leased from Western Union went out of operation.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Rain tomorrow and some light rain this afternoon and tonight; not much change in temperature except cooler in extreme north.