

Fitzgerald said 57,000 women and 25,000 salaried and white collar workers were among those who left their jobs. He said this was the largest number of women to strike in recent years. Women and white collar workers will be represented in picket lines, he said

The union president declared the walkout was 100 percent effective at 8 a.m. in plants in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa., Lynn and Springfield, Mass.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Broomfield, News k and Jersey City, N. J., and Dayton, Ohio. A total of 98,000 workers are employed in these plants.

International headquarters of the mion announced shortly after 6 a. m. that "the walkout began on sche-dule." Fitzgerald said:

"Because of the refusal of the General Electric. Westinghouse and General Motors Corporations to grant the union's \$2 a day wage demand, 200,000 em-

But even with the slowdown, he "There is not a single man who is to be discharged by July 1 who won't be discharged by July 1.

He prefaced his remarks with a flat statement that demobilization is not tied in with the War Department's sponsorship of universal military training, or with any desire of high ranking offiers to retain their positions.

Some offiers and some GI's have uggested such might be the case Such conclusions, Eisenhower asserted, are "utterly false."

Service.

Eisenhower said that of 1,500 general officers on duty on V-E, 789 already have been or are being reduced in rank or separated from

down in demobilization was nec-essary to prevent the Army from being depleted by March (International Radio-photo).

Top Price Limit May Not Be Imposed, In **Opinion Of Bowles** 

Washington, Jan. 15 .- (AP)-A schedule of proposed price ceilings on raw cotton were announced today by the OPA amid predictions from southern cotton states senators that the action

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"may mean the end of the

whole Office of Price Adminis-

ing to Director Chester Bowles.

said the agency's advance notice

mal planting season. In announcing it, Bowles said the rise of cotton

Southern legislators, pointing out

Pearl Harbor An

Might Have Made Ambush For Japs

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Washington, Jan. 15-(AP)-Con-Washington, Jan. 15. --- (AP)--

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**PearlHarborCouldHaveBeen** Ceilings On Defended, Adm. Kimmel Says Cotton May Washington Congress May Take Over **Controls In Big Strikes** Information South Carolina **Quick Action Seen Upon Fact-Finding Declines** Repeal Asked By President

tionist, a former Henderson resident. was formerly charged with murde. today in connection with the shooting of pretty Mrs. Maggie Parker 22, on a downtown street corner early last night.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.-(AP)-Robert

L. Nash, 42-year-old movie projec-

cluded in the sweeping terms set

forth in the law." (International)

Robt. Nash

Is Accused

**Of Murder** 

Former Henderson

Man Admits Killing

Woman In Raleigh

Nash walevd proliminary hearing before Jolice Judge Paul F. Smith early today, and was ordered held for grand jury action without privilege of bond

Detective Captain W. E. Goodwin said Nash freely admitted the shoot ing, but gave no rection for it.

The comely red-haired Mrs. Parker, wife of a war veteran recently returned from overseas, died in an amoulance en route to a hospit: shortly after she was shot twice on Raleigh's busy Fayetteville street about 6:50 o'clock last night.

Asheville Leaf Market Arranges Sale Resumption

Asheville, Jan. 15.-(AP)-The Asheville burley tobacco market arranged to open today after sales were halted yesterday following a vote by growers to close "and prevent possible friction between those who wished to continue and those who voted to stop sales."

R. S. Witherington, market supervisor, said those who desired may sell today and others, if they wish, may turn their tags. Sales were halted yesterday after 13,636 pounds were sold at an average price of 39.60 per hundred, an increase of 5.21 cents over Friday's average, when sales were also stopped.

mately 200 Senate and House members, whose complaint about demobilization led to the. extraordinary session. There were fewer than fifty con- that OPA is due to expire June 30. gressmen seated when General Ei- unless Congress votes its continu-

The meeting drew approxi-

senhower, Admiral Chester W. Nim- ance, said, however, they didn't beitz, chief of naval operations, and lieve the ceilings would seriously several score Army and Navy of- hurt the price, but might reduce ficers arrived at 10 o'clock, but they cotton acreage this year OPA's announcement, accord-

began pouring in a little later.

simply puts it in a position to Action On impose the controls if it finds them necessary. The announcement added that "it may not be actually necessary to put the ceilings into effect." **Burley Leaf** The OPA notice fulfills a legal requirement that growers be notified of planned price schedules at Is Delayed least 15 days in advance of the nor-

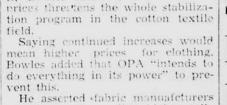
Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 15.-(AP) field. -Governor Jim McCord announced today he would withhold temporarily any action toward bolstering sagging burley tobacco prices.

After a conference with State Agriculture Commissioner O. E. Van He asse Cleve, McCord said he would delay action until a report could be obtained from a congressional meet- of cotton is wiping out their pro-ing on the same subject in Wash- fits." ington today. He said he understood

that officials of North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky also would withhold action until receiving a report of the meeting. The governor said yesterday, he

wuold cooperate with governors of other burley producing states in any reasonable plan."

Tennessee's burley market opened at an average of \$48 per hundred last month but have dropped to about \$37.



already are demanding higher ceil-ings "because they sity the high cost

**Communists Sav** Forces Of Chiang

**Disregard** Truce

Chungking, Jan. 15.-(AP)-Chou En-lai, No. 2 Chinese communist, today sought a meeting with General Marshall. He was reported ready to complain against alleged government violations of the recent civil strife truce agreement.

Chou's move followed a emomunist charge that on Monday government forces "ferociously attacked" Kwangshan, communist-held highway center in southeastern Honan province. A government spokesman denied the charge and reported that federal forces everywhere had halted operations at the Sunday midnight deadline, "except where they were forced to fight

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Rain and cool tonight, becoming cold in northwest portion tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy and colder.

lear Adm. Husband E Kimmel oday contended Washington naval officers denied him information hel id might have made Pearl Harbor

in ambush for the Japanese mitted to the Scnate-House inquiry ommittee, the retired commanderin-chief of the fleet called "misleading" the "war warning" message sent to him by Adm. Harold R. Stark, then chief of naval operations ten days before the attack of December 7, 1941.

Kimmel also contended: 1. He was not supplied informa-tion available in Washington from intercepted messages "which told when and where Japan would probably strike."

2. This, withholding this informa-

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**By Doenitz** 

Nuernberg, Jan. 15.-(AP)-An ternational military tribunal today, exploded the German myth that the British liner Athenia was sunk by the British themselves in 1939 in a lot to push the United States into the war.

Great Britain demanded the coniction of Doenitz successor to Adoli Hitler as fuehrer of Germany as a 'murderer" for U-boat attacks or nelpless sailors in lifeboats and for ordering the ruthless shooting o commandos.

Colonel H. J. Fillimore a British osecutor, to'd the tribunal trying Doenitz and 21 other top Nazis a war criminals, that Doenitz "was no plain sailor" and was a key cog behind Nazi preparations for aggressive war.

The affidavit signed by Doenitz on November 17, 1945, said the Athenia was sunk by the German submarine U-30 on the day Britain entered the war. On board were 1,500 passen gers, some of them Americans, Ger man propaganda at the time tried to lay the blame on Winston Churchill

Bolstering the case against Doenitz, Lt. Com. Karl Heinz Moe-hle, a German submarine commander who sunk 20 Allied ships, testified against the admiral, asserting that he did not want to be blamed for his former chief's order to shool .p lifeboats.

new peaks, showed signs today o moving swiftly into the strike pic-

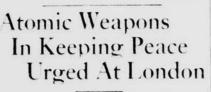
Two members of the Senate Labor n ambush for the Japanese. In a 25,000-word statement sub-titud to the Senate House includer dent Truman's request for a factfinding measure. The committee re amed hearings, with William H Davis, former War Labor Board chairman, and economic stabilizer. as its lead-off witness. "I think we can have the fact-

finding measure ready after brief hearings," Senator Ellender, Louisina Democrat, told a reporter. may be even stronger than the Presdent asked."

Senator Aiken, Vermont, Replican, said he was willing to make the hearings "short and sweet." addng in an interview, "I think Co gress is entitled to have a vote of this question.'

Under Mr. Truman's proposal such fact-finding boards as those n the General Motors and steel cases ng was under way.

Two other senators, Eastland, Mis sissingi Democrat, and O'Daniel Texas Democrat, south Senate action without waiting for the labor committee to complete its hearings affidavit by Grand Admiral Karl They noted that Mr. Truman has Docnitz, introduced before the in- asked immediate action early in December and announced they would ask the Senate to discharge the labor committee and act as soon as the chamber meets again on Thursday.



London, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The sug-restion that atomic weapons be used to 1,000 feet 3way, were injured by o aid the world peace force in shattered glass and debris. The mine by M. J. O. M. Kin, Australian navy Pocahontas, ninister and head of the Australian eleration to the United Nations Asembly. He issued a statement on the subject as an Iranian represen-tative teld the delegates that con-

ditions in his strife-ridden country. now jointly occupied by Russia and Britain, might present the new world neare agency with a test of its ability to maintain friendly relations 000 population, and the county seat Britain, might present the new world among nations.

COTTON SPED CRUSHINGS. Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The with injured miners and children. Census Burer reported today that from the school house.

cotton seed crushed in the fivemonths period August 1 to Decemresponding period a year ago.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 15 .--(AP) — The South Carolina House of Representatives rejected today a Senate-approved resolution looking toward poll

tax appeal. The vote was 69-40. Meanwhile, the first horseracing bill proposed in the General Assembly since the war began greeted legislators as they returned for the second week of the 1946 session. The bill to legalize pari-mutal betting on a county option basis was introduced by Representative Cleveland of Greenville, Racing not now prohibited but not commercialized because of the anti-bet-

ting ban would be licensed and

regulated.

Of Poll Tax Act

ployees have been compelled to go on strike."

Approximately 30,000 workers left heir jobs in four Massachusetts cities. Fitzgerald announced at 7 a. m. that G. E.'s big plant at Lynn, Mass., employing 16,000 persons, was hut down. Several thousand pickets were at the plant, he said.

Picketing began at 6 a. m. at the Westinghouse lamp plant and the G. E. air conditioning and industrial controls plant in Bloomfield, N. J., and within two hours had swelled proportions of a mass demonstra-

By union estimate, 3,500 pickets, including four on horseback, pa-trolled the Westinghouse gates and 1.500 marched at G. E. entrances.

## **190 Men May Be Trapped** woold be armed with legal author-ity to subpoena corporation books. and unions would be barred from striking for 30 days whill efact-find-

Welch, W Va., Jan, 15.-(AP)-Seventy-five coal miners miraculously escaped alive today after a tremendous blast in' the No. 9 Havaco mine on the outskirts of Welch, but the fate of 192 others was in doubt as rescuers drove into the smoke and dust-filled shaft workings.

E. L. Chatfield, an inspector-a iarge of the State Mines Department said he was informed that 167 men were in the workings when the explosion occurred around 9:30 a. m. The force was so terrific that Negro pupils in a school house and workers in the store and office of the New River and Pocahontas Con-

Unotficial estimates said from a third to one-half of those coming from the mines alive walked up the shaft steps, which somehow remained intact, although the tipple appeared to be a total wreck. The shaft is about

of the biggest bituminous coal producing county in the United States. were quickly filled to overflowing

Edward Mullins and his son. James, who apparently were not ber 31 totaled 1924.282, tons, com- hurt, told newsmen they were the pared with 2.120.749 tons in the cor- first to reach the surface from the inner workings. The father said they

| were at work about one mile from the shaft in No. 3 entry when they heart the blast and immediately started running.

They said the workings immediately became so dark from smoke and dust that they had to stoop over and train their lights on the steel nine rails in order to find their way to the opening.

Welch, W. Va., Jan. 15.-(AP) -An explosion apparently deep in the workings belched from the opening of the Havoco No. 9 coal mine today with such force Negro children in a grade school 500 feet away were in-jured, and the fate of 250 to 300 workers was immediately in doubt.

Before leaving Charleston for the scene, State Mine Chief G. R. Spindler said he was informed by one of his inspectors that 250 to 300 men were believed to have been at work in the No. 9 mine of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company when the terrific blast occurred.

Spindler left Charleston for the scene, which is about onehalf mile from the outskirts of Welch, a coal mining city of about 7,000 population, accompanied by John H. Hansford. State director of mine rescue work.

The chief said he was in-formed by E. L. Chatfield, an inspector-at-large stationed at Welch, that rescue crews already were started in the sloped mine,

**U. S. Group Divided Over Keeping Nippon Islands** 

London, Jan. 15 .- (AP3-Official | ney, argued that the United States should retain any islands of milisources disclosed today that American civilians and military officials | tary value.

at the United Nations general 23- out, the disagreement could be consembly were split over whether Am- sidered as tantamount to an issue erican-conquered Japanese islands between the State and War Depart-should be placed under UNO sov- ments and would have to be referred to President Truman for settleereignty.

The delegates themselves were ment.

said to favor a trustee plan for the Pacific islands, while their special military advisor, General C. Ken-diately for comment.

Delegates said that if any held in self-defense."