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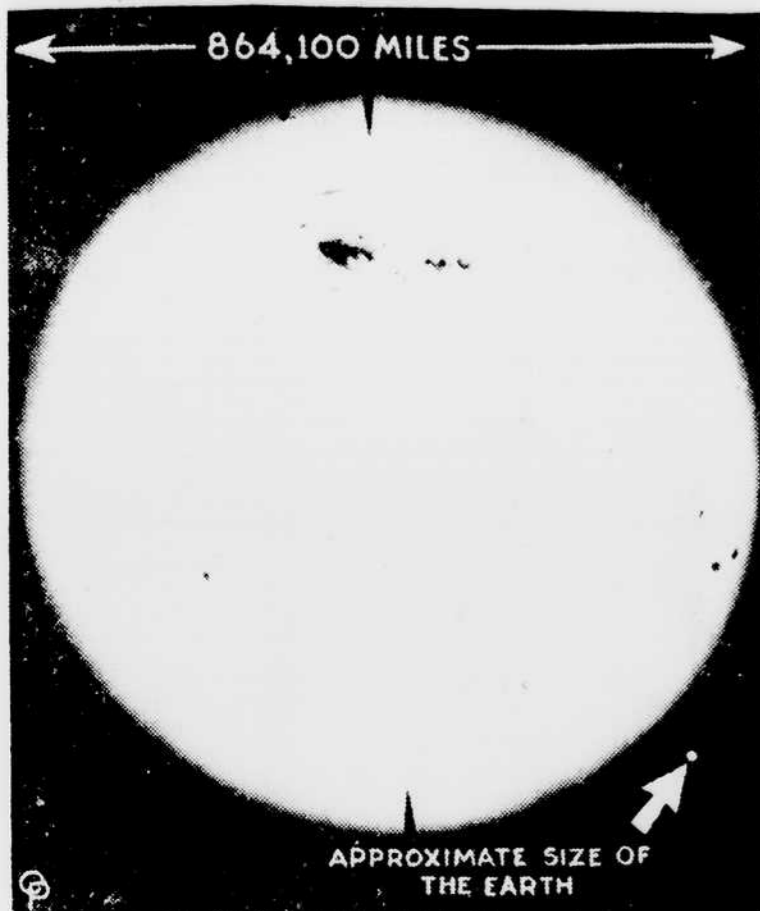
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## SUN SPOTS HIT SOLAR PLEXUS BLOW



TWO LARGE SUNSPOTS have succeeded in jamming radio communication with Europe and Asia, have created spectacular aurora borealis displays—and kept scientists at their super-telescopes for many days. The above photo, taken at Mt. Wilson Observatory, Los Angeles, shows the largest sun spots ever recorded in solar history. One spot alone has a diameter of 864,100 miles—which is seven times that of the earth. Figure at top indicates the width of the sun. (International)

## Jap Lieut. Gen. Homma Sentenced To Be Shot

(Military Tribunal Convicts Nip Of Many War Crimes

Manila, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma was sentenced today to be shot, following his conviction by a military tribunal of war atrocity charges, including the infamous Bataan death march.

Homma was moved immediately to Luzon prisoner of war camp No. 1, where he joined his successor as supreme commander of the Philippines during the bloody days of Japanese conquest. Lt. Gen. Yamashita, and ten other convicted war criminals.

While hearing his sentence, Homma stood in almost the exact spot in the Ballroom of the former home of the United States commissioner to the Philippines, where, bemuddled and arrogant after the Japanese conquest of the islands, he had received the homage of the pompous Filipino commission and collaborators in a widely publicized reception.

Could See Bataan.

Within the range of his vision, as he stood before the five man commission, across Manila Bay was the fortress rock of Corregidor and the mist shrouded hills of Bataan, from which he had herded General Jonathan M. Wainwright, Maj. Gen. Richard King and their forces along the sun-scoured road in the infamous death march.

The conviction was no surprise, as Homma had expected to be shot.

Just before he was sentenced, Homma made a brief speech thanking the court for "courteous way I have been treated."

Sentence read immediately afterward, said that "upon secret written ballot with two thirds or more of the members concurring, the commission sentences you to be shot to death with musketry." Homma was charged with ordering the 1942 march of American prisoners from Bataan to prison—a march that cost the Allied prisoners some 67,000 lives.

## President's Home Program Expected To Be Compromised

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A back stage pow pow on President Truman's "bold" homes for veterans program held promise today for a compromise that might win speedy approval.

Members of the House banking committee indicated they might tear up the emergency bill they approved last week and write another closer to lines of the White House proposal which fixed a two year goal of 2,700,000 new houses—most of them to cost \$6,000 or less.

Banking Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) and Rep. Wolcott of Michigan, ranking Republican, planned to meet during the day to see whether an agreement could be reached on a non-controversial bill.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair, with little change in temperature tonight. Colder Tuesday.

## Dutch Spot Expected To Be Shelved

Council Resumes Debate On Soviet Charges Of 'War'

London, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Possibility that the Indonesian dispute might be shelved pending the outcome of current negotiations in Batavia between Dutch and Indonesian representatives was forecast in some quarters today as the United Nations security council prepared to resume debate on Russian charges that "war is being waged" in Java.

Officials were quoted as commenting on the final outcome of the dispute, which was marked by a new round of debate between Soviet Vice-Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

New Dutch Proposal.  
Some suggested, however, that the council might decide to await the Indonesian reply to a new Dutch proposal for an Indonesian commonwealth, made public in Batavia, before taking action on Vishinsky's demand for investigation of the crisis in the Dutch East Indies by a five-power commission.

Meanwhile, UNO committees plugged away at a mass of questions which necessitated a three-hour session of the General Assembly Sunday.

Pressure for adjournment was heavier than ever, but some members of the United States delegation expressed doubt that the final session could be held before Wednesday or Thursday.

## Man Offered Big Sum Not To Talk About Davenport

Petitions Were Sent Via Air Mail By Convicted Officer

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The supreme court refused today to intervene in Manila proceedings in which Japanese Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma was convicted as a war criminal and sentenced to be shot.

Homma sent petitions by air mail from Manila asking the high court to take him out of the hands of the military. He also asked the court to be removed by the Philippines supreme court to grant him a writ of habeas corpus.

Homma's petitions were similar to those sent earlier by the convicted Japanese General Yamashita. The court last Monday rejected all of Yamashita's contentions.

Justices Murphy and Rutledge dissented to today's decision, as they did in last week's 6 to 2 decision in the Yamashita action. Murphy said "a procession of judicial lynchings without due process of law may not follow," as the result of the supreme court's action in the Homma and Yamashita cases.

## CHURCHILL TALKS WITH OLD FRIEND

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Winston Churchill today postponed his return to sunny Florida until tomorrow and settled down in the snow-clad British embassy to rest and talk with the Earl of Halifax, his old friend and retiring British ambassador to the United States.

The embassy said the former prime minister has no definite plans for the day and no conferences. The White House said that President Truman's conference with Churchill last night dealt almost wholly with a discussion of plans for Churchill's speech at Fulton, Mo., on March 5.

## Congress And National Democratic Committee Splitting Over Pauley

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A rift between congressional and national committee Democrats appeared today over President Truman's controversial nomination of Edwin Pauley as undersecretary of the navy.

Administration supporters on Capitol Hill complained in private to reporters that they had not been consulted about Mr. Truman's final decision to submit Pauley's name.

They said further they had not been asked for their views before the President made it plain he did not plan to withdraw the appointment despite indications it faces against certain Senate defeat.

On the other hand, National

# White House Admits Changes In Administration Set-Up Due

WANTS ARTIFICIAL FOOT BACK



SITTING IN HIS HOME in Philadelphia with his wife is Ignatius Miedzwicki, 22-year-old war veteran, who has petitioned a Quaker City court in an attempt to recover his artificial foot. He charges that his former landlord, Joseph Galzarano, seized and sold his artificial foot along with his furniture for non-payment of \$28 in rent. He lost his left foot in the North African campaign. The court held the landlord in \$800 bail on a charge of fraudulent conversion. (International Soundphoto)

## MacArthur Wants Wives Of GI's Sent To Japan

## Quaker City Drivers Out

## Stage Walkout In Wage Controversy

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A strike of 9,655 operating and maintenance employees of the Philadelphia Transportation Company began at 12:01 a. m. today—cut off all trolley, bus and subway service to some 3,000,000 daily riders including 800,000 workers who have no other public means to get to their jobs.

Local 634, Transport Workers Union of America (CIO) ordered the strike upon collapse of negotiations for a 25 cents an hour wage hike and 27 other demands. The company offered a 12 cent boost.

Failing in last minute peace making efforts, Howard Colvin, assistant director of the United States Conciliation Service, said he would hold conferences with P. T. C. and union representatives "until a settlement is reached."

Mayor Bernard Samuel told Philadelphians to "be calm and cooperate so as to prevent disorder." All city policemen were ordered to work every day for the duration of the strike while some patrolmen were placed on a 12 hour basis.

Spokesmen for the company said no attempt will be made to operate any buses or subways or trolleys during the walkout. The union said picket lines had been established at all P. T. C. depots and car barns, subway terminals and bus garages and that they would "be maintained continuously."

## Navy Translated Jap Spy Message Day Before Raid

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Congressional investigators heard today that a woman civilian in the Navy Department translated on December 6, 1941 a Japanese spy's message containing code signals, to report movements of the United States fleet at Pearl Harbor.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) brought out in his questioning of Naval Captain Elwin D. Kramer that a Mrs. Edgers, employee in Kramer's department, had made a rough translation of such a message the day before the Japanese struck.

The Senate-House investigating committee was told that the woman translator testified at a previous hearing that when she finished the draft shortly after noon it went to Kramer. But Kramer said today he could not remember seeing it until December 8, 1941.

## Ross Says Steel Pay Formula Due For Release Soon

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The White House said officially for the first time today that changes are in prospect in top administration personnel and indicated announcement of a formula for settling the steel strike was imminent.

Press Secretary Charles Ross told a news conference in reply to questions that personnel changes "are in prospect," but he declined to elaborate.

Asked whether they had to do with the stabilization high command he left it for reporters to use their "own judgement."

Full Explanation.  
At the same time, Ross said, "when and if a steel settlement is announced, there will be a full explanation of all the mathematics entering into it."

Ross said the personnel movement would come from the White House. As to whether there would be a formal announcement today, Ross said he did not know but he repeated that changes in personnel are in prospect.

Asked about the possibility that John Collet will retire as economic stabilizer and be succeeded by OPA Chief Chester Bowles with broad authority over prices, Ross simply said there was nothing official yet in any changes.

"Any possibility of action on that today?" a reporter asked.

He replied in the affirmative.

Persons familiar with White House strategy said today a strike-ending steel price boost is near announcement.

With it, they said, will come a new wage-price policy placing Chester Bowles firmly in the driver's seat.

One of these persons said that during unexpected delays, U. S. Steel Corp. was to have received notice of the new price last night. He added his belief that it would be high enough to permit early settlement of the strike.

The government's new economic line-up as forecast by several officials would give OPA Chief Bowles full authority over wage and price questions as head of the Office of Stabilization Administration.

The OSA, it was forecast, probably will be split off from John W. Snyder's Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion and the set up as an independent agency.

## U. N. C. Is Given \$1,000,000 Fund For Art Gallery

Planetary Also Will Be Provided By Morehead Fund

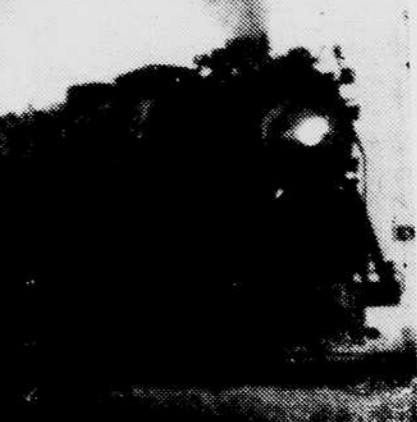
New York, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Liquors and assorted specialties pulled in today's stock market although many leaders continued to suffer from neglect.

Advances of fractions to three or more points were recorded for Schenley, National Distillers, American Radiator, DuPont, General Motors, U. S. Steel and N. Y. Central.

On the down side most of the day was Santa Fe, American Telephone, U. S. Rubber, and International Harvester.

County Agents Meet.  
County agents and their assistants in 52 counties in North Carolina will gather at Charlotte on February 19 and at Clinton and Tarboro on February 21 and 22 in district Extension Service as it relates to the National Seven-Point Cotton Program.

## DUST STORM CAUSES TRAIN WRECK



Wrapped in A Blanket Of Dust whipped up by a Kansas storm, a section of wreckage of the Rock Island's crack train—the Rocket—can be seen through the partial black-out after it had hit a truck. Although the picture was taken at high noon, just outside of Wichita, the engine's headlight is on. Visibility was reduced to 1-16 of a mile. (International)

## Wins Her by Mail



A romance that has been conducted entirely by letter will culminate in marriage in West Fitchburg, Mass., when 24-year-old Eleanor Mager weds ex-Sgt. Vern Tobias, 25, of Banker Hill, Kan. Eleanor and Vern, who have yet to meet, started their romance in 1943 when they were introduced by letter by her brother David, Vern's buddy. (International)

## Conflicting Views Aired At Meeting

Industry, Farmers And labor Differ [At Farm Parley

By LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Capitol square attendants at the State Farm Bureau convention at Winston-Salem last week are still talking about the striking contrasts in expressed opinions of speakers—some noted in the scope speeches.

There was James Carey, secretary-treasurer of CIO, who came down from Washington to speak for organized labor. He argued against allowing corporations like General Motors to pile up idle dollars, insisting they ought to be distributed back to the people in higher wages and lower prices for products. At the same time, he proposed the idea of establishing prices for farm products on a basis that would allow farmers to have spending money in their pockets or in the bank.

There was the case of James G. Hanes, spokesman for industry, who delivered his prepared speech and left the hall not waiting for rebuttal in the three-way round table discussion of positions of labor, industry and agriculture. Whether intended as a brush-off or not some of the Farm Bureau members took it that way. One observation was that "big business has issued its decree and has no further interest in proceedings," James Carey and Ed O'Neal, respective spokesmen for labor and agriculture, stayed the program and had their second opportunities to present their cases. Industry had retired to the cloistered towers.

Then there were the speeches by Congressman John Folger and John Flannagan. Folger endorsed the policy of government subsidies in lieu of adequate prices for farm crops, expressing almost the same sentiments voiced earlier by the CIO representative. Then he introduced Flannagan, a Virginia congressman and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, who waded into the subsidy idea and, to use his own expression, "gave it hell."

Flannagan also pointed out the difference between government credit to industry and to agriculture. He is sponsoring a bill for an agriculture bank comparable to the federal reserve system, independent of any cabinet officer. He got a laugh out of his audience when he pictured how the farmer seeking a loan must go down a back alley around the courthouse, only to find he's in the wrong office and then has to go downstairs or upstairs to the proper place. On the other hand he said the industrialist walks into a handsome bank building on the main street to negotiate his loan.

Congressman Harold Cooley of North Carolina, high ranking member on the agriculture committee headed by Flannagan, is fighting the farm bank bill sponsored by the chairman, a situation that lent interest to the emphatic presentation of the case for the bill.