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## UNO Council Opens Debate On Meddling Charges Of Lebanon

### General Assembly Ends First Meet; Success Assured

London, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Lebanon accused Great Britain and France today of "a grave attack on the sovereignty" of the Levantine States and demanded "immediate and simultaneous evacuation" of all foreign troops from Lebanon soil.

Foreign Minister Hamid Bey Frangie of Lebanon opened the debate on Syrian-Lebanese charges against Britain and France—an issue which forced the UNO Security Council to remain in London as delegates to the first general assembly departed for home.

He told the 11-nation peace agency that the presence of British and French troops constitutes "a permanent menace of meddling in the internal affairs of a member of the UNO" and declared that their presence is not dictated "by military necessity, nor by agreement of the government, nor by international accord."

Organizational Task. The 11-nation economic and social council, remaining behind with the Security Council, also was scheduled to meet today to complete its organizational task for tackling what world statesmen have described as the "basic ill" leading to war.

The general assembly adjourned last night on a note of optimism with delegates expressing belief that a firm foundation had been laid for world peace and security, agreed that the new organization had made tremendous strides toward the success which the League of Nations failed to obtain.

It will stand in adjournment until September when it convenes in New York City, which was approved by the final session of the assembly as its temporary home.

Other questions disposed of last night included the hotly debated issue of admitting labor organizations into the UNO in a consultative capacity. The assembly adopted an American resolution by a vote of 32 to 6 giving advisory status to three organizations—the World Federation of Trade Unions, the International Cooperative Alliance, and the American Federation of Labor.

One of the last actions of the assembly delegates was approval of a resolution calling upon member nations for "immediate and drastic" action to head off starvation in the world by conserving food supplies and increasing grain production.

## Davenport Takes Stand In Defense

Greenville, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Boderick Davenport today continued to describe financial operations of his former "big apple" loan brokerage business, testifying in his own defense at his trial in Pitt county superior court on charges of conspiracy to defraud and fraud by false pretense.

Davenport said the report that his loan business was being investigated caused "depositors" to become panicky in August of 1944, resulting in a "run" on his accounts in the New Bern unit of the Branch Banking and Trust Co. The depositors held Davenport's checks as security for loans they made to him.

Davenport said that he still believed he could have liquidated his business successfully, returning all funds deposited in his loan business, but he had not been kept in jail so long.

## Stocks Generally Hit Higher Levels

New York, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Stocks generally rose fractions to more than three points in today's market, following release of the government's new pay-price formula, but there was nothing that resembled buying rush.

Ahead the greater part of the time were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Great Northern, Montgomery Ward and National Distillers.

## Lint Futures Show 75 Cent Increase

New York, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened today 15 to 40 cents a bale higher.

Non prices were 45 to 75 cents a bale higher, March 26-19, May 26-14, July 26-17.	
Pv. Close	Open
March .....	25.94 26.00
May .....	26.02 26.08
July .....	26.05 26.12

## Legless Vet Bowler



HERE'S ONE for the tally sheet. Veteran Joe Maled of Indianapolis, Ind., scored 173 while competing against Detroit's leading bowlers at the Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich. And that's a score not to be sneezed at—especially when the bowler has artificial legs. Joe lost his in service. (International)

## Peron Raps Former U.S. Ambassador

### Asserts Braden Headed Spy Ring While U. S. Envoy

Buenos Aires, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Presidential Candidate Juan Peron accused Spruille Braden, Assistant U. S. Secretary of State today of having headed a vast spy network while he served as United States Ambassador to Argentina and of black-mailing Argentine merchants in giving funds to support his "subversive work."

At the same time, Peron and Foreign Minister Juan Cooke issued that denials that Braden had dealt with the axis as charged in a blue book report issued by the U. S. State department.

Cooke said in an address that the release of the blue book gave rise to the suspicion that the United States hoped to influence the Feb. 4 presidential elections.

Peron, former vice president of the government of President Edelmiro Farrell, also declared that Brad Gen. Juan Largo, former military attaché at the United States embassy, was expelled from Argentina for "proven espionage against Argentina and other friendly countries."

## State Employees Need Salary Hike, Johnson Asserts

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The so-called white collared worker, caught between soaring prices and relatively static salaries, got a champion today in the person of State Treasurer Charles Johnson.

"Everybody seems to have forgotten them," commented Johnson, saying that increased wages for organized labor, with the inevitable increase in the salaries of such workers in absolutely necessary to keep them from slipping into a low standard of living.

Johnson also said the gains of organized labor make it necessary for farmers to get a better price for their products.

Referring specifically to the plight of state employees, he said: "Due to the fact I am a constitutional officer and the next general assembly could not increase by salary even if they were so inclined, I certainly have no selfish motive in calling attention to the fact that something must be done for state employees. With a further increase in the cost of living, sure to come, they can not get along on their present salaries."

## O'Mahoney Backed For Ickes' Post

### Wyoming Senator's Name Is High On President's List

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—President Truman was reported today deliberating over a half dozen possible appointees for Secretary of Interior, with Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, strongly backed by Capitol Hill friends.

Mutual friends of the President and the legislator said the Wyoming senator's name was high on the list but added that Mr. Truman seemed undecided whether O'Mahoney would be of more service to the administration in the cabinet or the Senate.

Should O'Mahoney be chosen for the post, the expectation here is that Wyoming's governor, Lester C. Hunt, either will succeed him immediately or become a candidate for the senatorial nomination at stake in the state this year.

Donalds May Be Man. But if the President turns away from the Senate to fill the job that Harold Ickes resigned so explosively, one Presidential advisor said it is possible that Justice William O. Douglas might be asked to leave the supreme court to take over.

All sorts of switches in his official family were reported to have been suggested to the President who saw several senators and House members about the matter.

Those in a position to know said there had been discussions of a possible switch of Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach to the Interior spot but they represent Mr. Truman as indicating that it would be a difficult problem for him to fill the labor post.

Also discussed, legislators said, was the possibility that O. Douglas were named. Schwellenbach might be chosen for the resulting court vacancy.

Another cabinet change said to have been talked about at the White House involved transfer of Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson to Interior with a mid-Westerner named to succeed the former New Mexico representative.

## AFL Blasts Price Plan; CIO Silent

### Backward Step And Unacceptable, Says President W. Green

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The AFL today described President Truman's new wage-price policy as "unsatisfactory, unacceptable and a backward step."

American Federation of Labor President William Green so referred to the policy in a formal statement which also said of the plan:

"It will only serve to increase confusion and multiply the nation's troubles. We fear it will also create widespread social, industrial and economic discontent and upheavals."

"It establishes wage fixing by Government and strikes a body blow at free collective bargaining."

"No employer will be willing to bargain collectively with a labor union under the restrictions imposed by the new policy."

"We realize that the government faces a serious difficulty in seeking to promote full production while wage and price disputes disrupted reconversion. But the new policy is no solution."

CIO President Philip Murray made no immediate comment on the policy. One CIO official said that the CIO would make its comment until after the steel strike had been ended.

## Bank Of England Is Placed Under Government Rule

London, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The first basic step in the Labor Government's socialization program was completed today with the affixing of King George's signature to a bill bringing the 250-year-old Bank of England under public ownership.

## Tasting New Bread



SECRETARY of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson is shown in Washington as he tasted some of the new bread made from flour at the new 50 percent rate. The pale-ivory colored bread was baked at the Dept. of Agriculture's baking laboratory in Beltsville, Md. Anderson dispatched to President Truman three loaves, one baked from ordinary flour, and the others from the "saccharine" flour. (International)

## Four Persons Die As Result Of State Accidents

### Wreck At Hamlet Claims Life Of Its Sixth Victim

By The Associated Press. Highway accidents were responsible today for the deaths of at least four persons in North Carolina.

At Hamlet, 15 year old Elisha Dawkins died in a hospital, the sixth victim of a Tuesday night collision of two automobiles, a mile south of Rockingham. His mother, grandmother, an aunt and two other persons had died previously of injuries suffered in the same crash.

Mrs. Annie B. Carlyle, 41, of Oregon, died in a Lumberton hospital after a traffic accident in which she was injured near Lumberton.

At Wilson, Mrs. John Estimer of Haddonfield, N. J. was fatally injured in a traffic accident on the Wilson-Elk City highway. Her husband was injured in the same collision.

Near Chapel Hill, First Lt. John Hodges Staffa, commanding officer of the Camp Butler POW camp was killed when the truck in which he was riding overturned.

## CHILD DELINQUENCY IS REPORTED DOWN

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Contrary to public opinion, there was a decrease of almost eight percent in juvenile delinquency in North Carolina during the five-year period, 1939 to 1944, over that of the previous five-year period, 1934-39.

This deduction was made by Dr. Wiley B. Sanders, professor of social work in the University of North Carolina, when he addressed the 20th annual Public Welfare Institute for Negro Social Workers at this afternoon's session.

The Institute, which began yesterday and will continue through Friday noon, is being directed by the North Carolina State Board of

## Merchants Enter Battle Over Tax Discrimination

BY LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—(AP)—One of the ten resolutions adopted by directors of the North Carolina Merchants Association here this week puts the member merchants right in the middle of a scrap over tax exemptions that may have far-reaching ramifications.

The resolution petitions North Carolina members of Congress to use their influence to eliminate federal tax discriminations now given cooperatives over competing tax-paying business. This deals with one phase of a discriminatory policy which many businesses have protested.

## End Of Steel Strike Is Forecast As Result Of New Price Program

### Price Increases Will Be Granted After Pay Hikes

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Official Washington confidently expected a steel strike settlement today as a swift follow up to President Harry Truman's higher wage-price line and his choice of Chester Bowles to hold it.

Providing price increases for increases for industry to cover Government-approved wage hikes, the new reconversion formula, a White House spokesman said, supplies the basis for ending the walkout of 750,000 CIO United Steel Workers—largest single strike in American history.

Other high officials said approval of a steel price boost of approximately \$5 a ton would be a factor in the settlement.

Key Production Lagging. The President said the new policy was designed to cope with a re-converted production is lagging and conversion situation in which vital collective bargaining "has broken down" in many key industries.

It calls for these broad changes in the nation's approach to the wage-price question:

1—Wage increases must be approved by the National Wage Stabilization Board. And this board must see that they do not exceed the pattern of pay boosts in any industry or area since V-J day—about 16 to 18 per cent.

2—Higher price ceilings will be granted immediately and automatically—instead of after six months—to insure profitable operation after an approved wage increase is granted.

3—OPA Administrator Bowles becomes director of the reconverted Office of Economic Stabilization and is charged with laying down the specific rules for the new policy.

4—Paul Porter, chairman of Commission and a staunch hold-the-line man, steps into Bowles' OPA shoes.

5—The war-time OES is revived to replace the Office of Stabilization Administration previously headed by John Collet. As his boss Bowles has wider authority than Collet but still is in the office—and under the supervision of Reconstruction Director John Snyder with whom he tangled on pricing policy. Collet plans to return to his Missouri federal judgeship.

## Egyptian Premier And Cabinet Quit

Cairo, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Prime Minister Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashi Pasha and his entire cabinet quit resigned today.

Sources close to the government immediately predicted Nokrashi would be asked to form a new cabinet which would include only members of his Saadist party and members of the liberal constitution party, which already has a strong group in opposition ranks.

British Ambassador Lord Kilgerran left for London during the day for consultations of an undisclosed nature.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair tonight and Saturday, slightly colder with lowest temperatures 21 to 26 in interior and 26 to 31 in coastal areas; warmer Saturday.

## IT WAS A WHALE OF A STORY



HIS WORRIES WERE PILING around him so "Dopey Dick" the confused whale of San Francisco Bay ended it all by becoming wedged amid the supports of Pier 3 at Nas, Calif. The big fellow, 60 feet long and weighing 25 tons, is shown at the end of a barge cable after crews of three carriers tied at the pier complained of the local "fresh air." A cutter will tow the carcass out to sea and blow it up. (International)

## G. M., Auto Union Arrange New Parley

### President Of Corporation Will Take Part In Wage Talks For First Time

Detroit, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Special Federal Mediator James Dewey said at noon today he had arranged a meeting for 2 p. m. (EST) between President Charles Wilson of General Motors Corporation and President R. J. Thomas of the CIO United Auto Workers.

Dewey said that in addition to union head Thomas, the UAW will be represented by vice-president Walter Reuther and Secretary-Treasurer George Addis, and their staff.

Wilson's participation in the talks will mark his first appearance in sessions looking to the end of the 87-day old strike involving 175,000 G. M. production workers.

## Roosevelt Is Drawn Into War Probe

### Was Given Message Night Before Raid Which Meant War

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A young naval officer testified today that the night before Pearl Harbor he had handed President Roosevelt information which prompted the President to exclaim "this means war."

The statements came from Commander L. R. Schulz who told the Senate-House committee investigating the December 7, 1941 disaster that he was at the time on duty at the White House.

Schulz said Harry Hopkins was with the President at the time and Hopkins said that since war appeared imminent "it was too bad we couldn't strike the first blow and prevent surprise."

Roosevelt replied, Schulz said, "No, we can't do that. We are a democracy and a peaceful people."

Schulz said there was no mention of Pearl Harbor. He said the "only geographic name I recall was Indochina and there was no indication that tomorrow was necessarily the day."

Without dissent, the Senate and House today adopted a resolution extending the deadline for ending the investigation to June 1. The House acted without discussion a few minutes after receiving the resolution from the Senate.

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