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PROUD PARENTS of Francis and Ann and James—first triplets of the year in New York City—Traffic Officer Thomas Conrad and Mrs. Mary Conrad of the Bronx were not surprised by the threesome. Pop claims credit, saying his grandmother had twins, but Mary pooh-poohs his claim, asserting that her grandmother had triplets. (International)

Constitution For Japan Is Revealed

Emperor To Remain But He Will Be Stripped Of Power

Tokyo, March 6.—(AP)—A new Japanese constitution renouncing war for all time and prohibiting the maintenance of armed forces was announced today.

General Douglas MacArthur reporting it was drafted with his full approval emphasized that "the foremost of its provisions—that abolishing war as a right of the nation—renders Japan's future security and very survival subject to the good faith and justice of the peace-loving peoples of the world."

Symbol of State

Hirohito, who will be reduced from "a sacred and inviolable emperor" to a symbol of state with very limited formal functions, issued a special rescript stating:

"It is my desire that the constitution of our empire be revised upon the basis of the general will of the people and the principle of respect for the fundamental human rights.

"I command hereby the competent authorities of my government to put forth their best efforts toward accomplishment of this end."

(MacArthur's approval of the constitution maintaining the mikado as a symbol of state, presumably ends any possibility of his being arrested as a war criminal.)

Authority in People

The proposed constitution vests authority in the people and strips all governmental powers from the emperor.

It replaces the powerful house of peers with a house of councillors who must be elected by all the people and who may be overridden by the house of representatives.

It enumerates a long list of revolutionary individual rights for the people. It renounces "war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as a means of settling disputes."

Ickes Blasts Pauley Again At Hearing

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—Harold Ickes asserted today that if a California conservation measure supported by Edwin Pauley had become law in 1939 the navy might have saved 150,000,000 barrels at the Elk Hills reserve.

The former Interior Secretary, who has blasted at Pauley's nomination for undersecretary of the navy, told the Senate Naval Committee he and President Roosevelt supported the bill. He also took pot shots today at some witnesses who have opposed Pauley's nomination at committee hearings.

Pauley has been criticized in testimony for "deserting" independent oil men and switching to support of the bill. It was passed by the state legislature but subsequently was rejected in a referendum.

Ickes has been ordered by the committee to produce the memorandum covering a 1944 conversation in which he said Pauley offered him "the newest proposition ever made to me."

But the former cabinet member said he had received the committee's summons too late yesterday to get the originals out of a bank vault.

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Rail Brotherhoods Officially Set March 11 As Strike Date

BLIND MARINE HERO'S HAT IN RING



Surprise candidate for Pennsylvania State Secretary of Internal Affairs, former Marine Sgt. Al Schmid is shown with his wife, Ruth, and their son Albert, Jr., at their Frankfort home shortly after he announced his candidacy at Philadelphia. Here of Guadalupe, winner of the Navy Cross for killing 200 Japs, and original of the principal character in a popular movie, the blind veteran will appear on the Democratic ticket in State primary elections, May 21. (International)

Truman Pleads Churches To Back His Legislation

First 'War Groom'



SCOTSMAN and husband of former Lt. Pauline Motylewski of the U. S. Army Nursing Corps, Christopher Paterson, 28, grins at New York on arriving by transport from England—the first "war groom" to come over on the same basis as thousands of recent war brides. Dubbed "Scotty" and initiated into the mysteries of stud poker by GI ship companions, he was on his way to reunion with his wife in Three Rivers, Wis. His war service was as a Royal Air Force engineer. (International)

WINSHIP DIES

Sebring, Fla., March 6.—(AP)—Charles Newell Winship, 83, underwear manufacturer of Wakefield, Mass., died yesterday at a local hospital after a month's illness.

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'Progressive' Walkout Set For Six a.m.

Cleveland, O., March 6.—(AP)—Heads of two big railroad brotherhoods, the trainmen and engineers, today set 6 a. m., EST, March 11 as the deadline for a progressive strike which would tie up the nation's rail system.

The announcement was made at a press conference called jointly by President A. F. Whitley of the trainmen which has 215,000 members, and Alvaney Johnston, grand chief engineer of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers with 78,000 members.

The actual walkout could be delayed 30 to 60 days by the President's appointment of a fact-finding committee as provided by the Railway Labor Act.

Such a committee would have 30 days in which to study the strike call and report recommendations for a settlement. The panel's recommendations are not binding on either party to the dispute.

STRIKE THREAT APPEARS

Chicago, March 6.—(AP)—A threat of a nation-wide railroad strike appeared today as officials of two big railroad brotherhoods in several cities disclosed receipt of calls for a walkout beginning Monday although at the same time delay of the reported impending work stoppage by mediation was indicated.

In Chicago, a railroad spokesman said that no railroad had been notified officially of the reported walkout.

McCormack Raps Soviet Stand On Religious Issues

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—Rep. McCormack (D-Mass.) declared today Russia "is going out of its way openly to attack religion in an effort to divide the religions of the western world."

The House majority leader denounced "firmness" in dealings of the U. S. with Russia and added "Outside of the Soviet Union all nations of the world have shown a strong desire to work for peace. It is up to Russia to cooperate or to be charged with responsibility for failure."

Cotton Takes Big Drop In Forenoon

New York, March 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 50 cents to \$1.55 a bale higher.

Non prices were 45 cents to \$1.40 a bale lower. March 27.01, May 26.79, July 26.78.

EXTRADITION PAPERS FOR NURSE SIGNED

Raleigh, March 6.—(AP)—Governor Cherry today signed a request for the extradition of Loretta Frances Brozek, 19 year old nursemaid who is being held by Washington, D. C. police on charges of abducting 4-year-old Terry Taylor of Charlotte.

The papers are returnable before the chief justice of the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

May 2 Set By Democrats As Date For Convection

Raleigh, March 6.—(AP)—The State Democratic Executive Committee last night selected Thursday noon, May 2, for the State party convention, April 27 for the county conventions and April 20 for precinct conventions.

Approximately 45 persons and 51 proxies were voted out of a possible 144.

The committee authorized State Chairman W. B. Umstead to appoint a five man committee to study proposed changes in the plan of organization, the committee to report back in the summer.

E. E. Merritt submitted a resolu-

Sure of UNO Site



CHAIRMAN of the UNO Site Committee, Dr. Stoyan Gavrilovic of Yugoslavia is pictured on his arrival at New York's LaGuardia Field. He told reporters that he is "quite positive" that the proposed world capital will be situated in the Westchester, N. Y., Fairfield, Conn. area, despite the 2-1 opposition vote cast by the residents of Greenwich. He added that the town of Greenwich will not be necessary to the UNO setup. (International)

Relations Of U. S., Russia Are Strained

Plea Of Churchill Puts New Element Into World Issue

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—A disturbing new element beset relations-riddled big three relations today—Winston Churchill's plea for quick creation of an Anglo-American military alliance.

Here in the nation's capital, two schools of diplomatic thought reacted to the impact of the Churchill address. One held that it would bring hidden distrust out to the open and force a showdown; the other that it would bolster belief that security must entail spheres of influence.

There appeared little sentiment to discount the weight of Churchill's words on American public opinion, coming as they did only five days after Secretary of State James Byrnes told the world this country must stand ready to fight, it necessary, to protect the principles of the United Nations charter.

On top of Byrnes' solemn words have piled "these developments in recent weeks to draw them prominently that another case to be presented among the chiefs of state has become essential.

1.—A United States resolution to Moscow protest the failure of Russia to withdraw Red army forces from Iran by the March 2 treaty deadline.

2.—A second round of protest based on a Chinese report that the Soviet Union had claimed Japanese industries in Manchuria as war booty and had proposed joint operation of much of the territory's basic industries.

3.—Canada's disclosure that Churchill's acknowledgment that Russian agents in Canada had obtained certain military secrets. Canada charged this was done by espionage and that the secrets included data on the atomic bomb. Moscow said Canadian citizens gave a Soviet ministry attache in Canada certain secret information which was not of special interest to Russia.

4.—Published reports from Dalen that Russian troops were denoting Japanese forces to Siberia for use in labor camps.

China Attempting To Get Reds To Leave Manchuria

Chungking, March 6.—(AP)—The Chinese Government has been pressing for withdrawal of Russian troops in Manchuria but Soviet authorities intimated their delay was "due to certain difficulties which they didn't specify." Chief vice-minister of foreign affairs, said today. He did not elaborate.

He also said China is keeping the United States informed on the course of Sino-Soviet negotiations. Liu skipped some questions with a laconic "no comment" at a press conference.

China Not Informed
Answers he did give showed that Russia has not informed China of the movements and size of Soviet forces at Port Arthur—made a joint Sino-Russian naval base under the Sino-Soviet treaty of last Aug. 14.

Reports received by the Chinese Government confirm that Russians removed machinery from industrial plants in Manchuria.

Inability of the Chinese Government to restore Chinese rule in Manchuria was due in general to the failure of Russian forces to withdraw from that vast territory, particularly from Changchun, the capital, and Mukden.

Gaston Area Quiet Again

Raleigh, March 6.—(AP)—Governor Cherry was informed today in a telephone conversation with Sheriff Hoyte Etrid of Gaston county that no need existed for dispatching state highway patrolmen from other sections into the Gastonia area where there was an outbreak of disorder last night between pickets and workers at the Gastonia Combed Yards Corp.

The governor said he was informed that the strike situation was quiet this morning, and no extra patrolmen were needed to augment "the five or six" patrolmen ordinarily stationed in the Gastonia area.

Housing Measure Is Up For Vote

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—The badly mauled administration housing bill, stripped of its "every heart" in President Truman's opinion came up today for a final vote in the House.

The chamber has been seeking to reach final action on the measure since a week ago and the resultant delay has brought a watering down of the measure The White House asked to further its program to build 2,700,000 new homes in the next two years.

WAREHOUSEMEN HOLD RALEIGH MEETING

Raleigh, March 6.—(AP)—Directors of the Bright Leaf Warehousemen's Association, composed of members from Florida through Virginia, meet here today for a general discussion of plans for marketing the 1946 tobacco crop.

The meeting opened with a luncheon followed by a round table discussion of warehouse management, quotas, buyer allotments and ceiling prices.

Fred S. Royster of Henderson is president of the organization.

First Things First, Says Road Boss

Graham Outlines Policy Of State On Bad Highways

Raleigh, March 6.—A policy of "meeting first problems first" will be followed by the State Highway and Public Works Commission, its chairman, A. H. Graham, said today in discussing the stabilization air surface treatment of the county road system.

The "immediate objective," he said, will be to put the farm-to-market roads in condition to withstand next winter's weather. There are about 48,000 miles on the county system, and virtually every mile will require some degree of attention this year, for these roads bore the brunt of the damage done by the unusually severe winter last winter. Instructions have already come out "to the division engineers the chairman said, that the county roads are to be stabilized this spring, summer and early fall as rapidly as humanly possible.

Shortages Exist

Acute shortages in equipment materials and manpower still handicap every routine highway activity, the chairman stated, and there appears to be little relief in prospect any time in the near future. Despite this situation, the highway commission is going ahead by doing everything it can to put the road in shape for withstanding the strain of winter weather, he said.

"I firmly believe," Graham stated "that the people of North Carolina will endorse this policy of meeting first problems first, and it is our earnest desire to overcome, as much as we can, the handicaps under which we must operate these days in conditioning the roads to meet the traffic requirements demanded of them."

As is always the case, primary attention will be given to the county roads called on to carry the heaviest burdens of daily traffic. These will include, in the majority of instances, rural mail routes and school bus routes, the highway chairman said.

Jury Given Davenport Loans Case

Greenville, March 6.—(AP)—A jury at Pitt county superior court today began deliberating the case of Roderick Davenport, former New Bern produce dealer and loans broker, after hearing a two-hour charge from Judge Paul Frizzelle.

Davenport has been on trial for over four weeks on felony charges of conspiracy to defraud and fraud by false pretense. The charges grew out of the loans business he operated in eastern North Carolina in 1944.

Frizzelle completed his charge at 12:30 p. m. and the jury withdrew immediately to begin deliberations. Arguments to the jury were completed this morning when Solicitor D. M. Clark consumed the final hour of three hours allotted to the state. He began his arguments yesterday.