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250-Man UMW Policy Committee Gathers To Determine Action

North Carolina Road Accidents Cause 8 Deaths

By The Associated Press.
Traffic accidents on North Carolina highways and streets cost the lives of eight persons during the past week-end and other forms of violence accounted for at least two additional deaths.
Six of the traffic victims were motorists; three of the number were small children.

Crack-Down On Building Is Prepared

Designed To Speed Building Of Homes; Is To Be Drastic

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—The Government is rushing final touches on a new order designed to speed commercial and industrial construction so more homes can be built.

The measure, in preparation several weeks and scheduled for announcement soon, will be drastic and far-reaching, according to officials who have seen a preliminary draft.

These officials said the order will hold up construction of thousands of non-essential stores, office buildings and factories still in the blue-print stage.

But they predicted it will hit hardest at proposed road houses, night clubs, theaters, and other amusement projects. These will not be banned entirely, but buildings will have to show there is a community need for such recreational facilities.

The new order is being drawn up by the Civilian Production Agency and the National Housing Agency. They figure it will channel well over two-thirds of all building material to residential construction.

General Strike Opens In Trieste

Trieste, March 11.—(AP)—A general strike started today in the whole zone of the Allied military government in the Venezia-Giulia district at the head of the Adriatic sea where an Allied boundary commission continued its secret hearings.

The strike was called in protest to the slaying of two persons in Senedra, a suburb of Trieste, where police were removing a Slovene flag from a church. The strikers blamed the police. Reporters were barred from sources of information on the actions of the experts of United States, Russia, Britain and France who are investigating the Italian-Yugoslav boundary dispute.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair and warmer this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday fair and warmer.

Auto Industry Plans Big Celebration

Detroit, March 11.—America's automotive industry this Spring will celebrate 50 years of progress in a colorful Golden Jubilee event that will bring together all the great names in motordom for the first time anywhere.

The \$4,000,000,000 motor-manufacturing industry, grown from a cluster of alley shops to a world-renowned industrial enterprise spread over 41 states and a dozen foreign countries is marking its fiftieth milestone with a dramatic program in Detroit's Masonic Temple, May 31.

Tribute to the automotive industry pioneers, survivors of the "horseless carriage" era, whose vision and courage helped put the nation on wheels, will feature the public ceremony, according to

Demands Of Lewis Might Include A Royalty Payment

(By The Associated Press.)
Tom L. Lewis, chairman of the 250-man policy committee today to chart demands he will present to the soft coal operators in negotiations opening tomorrow in Washington.

Lewis' AFL-United Mine Workers union represents 100,000 employees of the soft coal industry, already taken local preliminary to a strike should negotiations in a contract to replace the one expired April 1 fail.

A royalty on each ton of coal mined, would amount to placed in the union welfare and hospitalization fund, was expected to be one of Lewis' chief demands. Also likely were proposals for a shorter work week, without a proportionate loss in earnings and recognition of a UMW union for supervisory workers, including mine foremen.

757,000 Workers Idle.

As labor disputes kept 757,000 workers idle, about half of them in General Motors plants and the electrical industry, a battle was shaping up for control of one of the nation's most powerful unions the CIO United Auto Workers.

A well organized boom was underway for Walter Reuther as a candidate to succeed R. J. Thomas, who was expected to seek his seventh term as CIO-UAW president at the union's national convention in Atlantic City, N. J., March 23.

Both sides in the General Motors dispute charged that settlement of the 111-day strike was being delayed by "politics" in connection with the approaching union convention.

Reuther has backing. Reuther, General Motors' strike leader and a vice president of the union, has not announced himself as a candidate for Thomas' place nor has he said he would not run, but he has the backing of 17 union local leaders claiming to represent 235,000 members.

This situation overshadows the union's stated negotiations with G. M. which take up again in Detroit this afternoon. The deadlock includes a number of issues, including the 1 cent difference between the union's demand for a 19 1/2 cent hourly pay raise, recommended by President Truman and the firm's offer of 13 1/2 cents.

CIO electrical workers union locals agreed to permit 15,000 non-striking, non-production workers to cross picket lines at General Electric plants in Schenectady, and Syracuse, N. Y., and Pittsfield, and Lynn, Mass., where the union and G. E. today were to resume wage negotiations broken off when 100,000 GE workers walked out on January 15.

World Bank Governors Hold Meet

Savannah, March 11.—(AP)—The board of governors of the world bank and fund headed into their first meeting today, and some clue was expected to emerge as to a decision on a British vs. American struggle over a site for the two institutions.

Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson, head of the U. S. delegation, and temporary chairman of the international monetary conference, told reporters he expected to "have something to say" on the site issue after the board's session.

The American delegation is boosting Washington, while Britain and Canada are leading campaigns for New York. A swing toward Washington developed among other delegations after the United States group, in a caucus, laid out a firmly phrased policy in favor of the capital.

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Reds Strip Manchurian Industrial Plants



In the midst of rubble and surrounded by windowless walls (top), American correspondents inspect the Manchurian Rubber factory in Mukden after it had been stripped of its equipment and blasted by Russian forces. All that remains of the interior of the Tcho weaving factory (below) are ceiling supports and concrete mounts where machinery had been mounted.

Russia Raps Unity Talk Of Churchill

Claim Arrangement Would Sound Death Sentence For UNO

Moscow, March 11.—(AP)—Pravda declared today that Winston Churchill's proposal for a British-American military alliance would liquidate the United Nations, and the coalition of big three powers and bring a return to power politics.

Breaking the Russian editorial silence on Churchill's March 3 speech, a three-column, front page editorial asserted it had been a failure, adding: "No false speeches about democracy and freedom by convicted reactionaries such as Churchill and his American friends from the Vandenberg camp will succeed in drawing people onto the road to new wars being prepared for them."

"One must unflinchingly recall the Churchill of the period after World War I," Pravda said, then it said he was the initiator of an anti-Soviet campaign, and the main organizer of armed intervention against the Soviet Union.

Pravda said Churchill's proposal amounted to a plan for British-American rule of the world "behind the backs of UNO."

Britain Protests

London, March 11.—(AP)—United States protests to Russia against the continued presence of Red army troops in Manchuria and the removal of industrial machinery from that section of China were bolstered today by a similar British protest.

A British Foreign Office spokesman disclosed dispatch of a note on March 10 to Moscow, following by several days the American protest. He added that the British Government maintained that all factory installations in Manchuria should be left in the custody of the Chinese until an Allied decision was made for their disposal.

Hitler Underwent Big Change After French Conquest

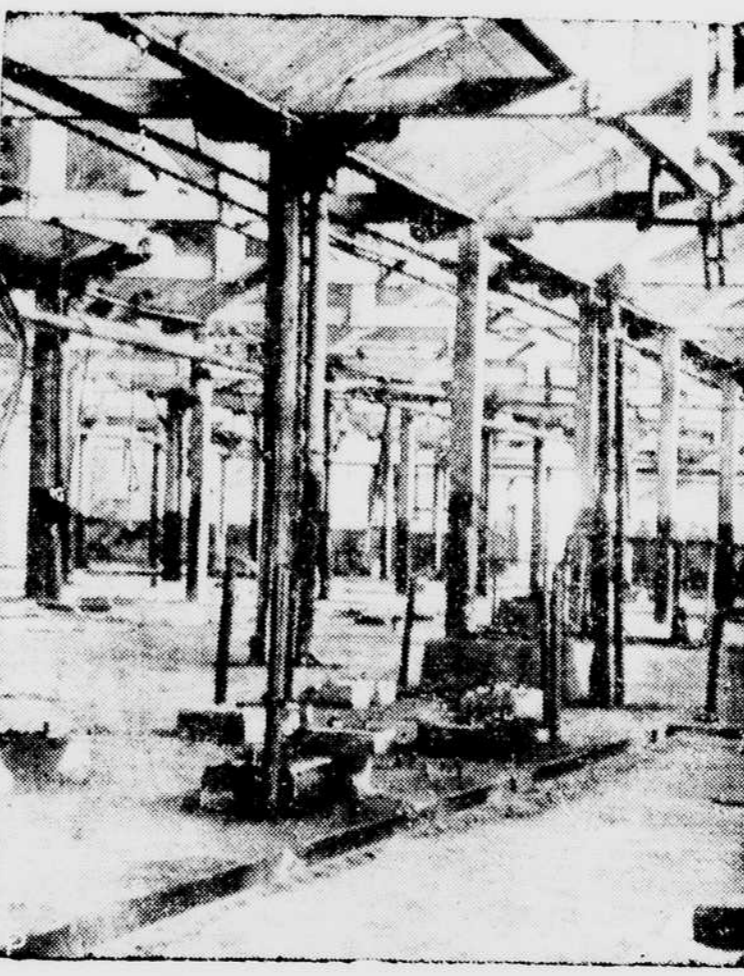
Nuernberg, March 11.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler's mentality underwent a change after his 1940 conquest of France and he became "abnormal," Field Marshal Erhard Milch, former chief of the Luftwaffe, testified before the international military tribunal today.

"Hitler was not the same. There was some change," Milch said under cross examination by United States officials.

"What he did then was contrary to what he said before," the witness said. "We could not consider this

drove the first car in Detroit, March 6, 1896; J. Frank Duryea, surviving member of the Duryea Brothers firm, makers of early gasoline motor wagons; Henry Ford, father of mass production methods, who drove his first car, a "quadricycle," in Detroit, June 4, 1896; Ransom E. Olds, Lansing, Michigan, car builder, who pioneered the first straight-line progressive assembly system of production; Charles W. Nash, who headed several of the industry's largest automobile companies in a long and colorful career; William Crapo Durant, automotive empire builder, whose faith in the motor industry's future has been honored.

Winner of the 1946 Indianapolis Speedway race will be an honored guest.



New Wage-Price Program Will Work, Bowles Says

Formula Declared A Practical Step Toward Prosperity

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—The Government hit back at labor-management criticism of the new wage price policy today with contentions that the formula is a "practical step toward a future of sustained prosperity."

This optimistic theme was struck by Stabilization Director Chester Bowles who said the policy will work if every American decides it must.

Bowles, in a statement supplementing an explanation of the stabilization plan, made no direct reference to critics of the formula, but he said there must be a "good deal of give and take and perhaps a little sacrifice" in carrying it out.

Little Less Grumbling.
This will require, he added, "a little less grumbling to get ahead of the next fellow who may seem to have some slight temporary advantage."

The policy has been assailed by leaders of both the CIO and the AFL, because it clamps restrictions on wage increases. The National Association of Manufacturers has contended it does not allow adequate price help.

Bowles' statement and the policy explanation were designed to quiet these apprehensions. "The thing we Americans need more than anything else right now is confidence," Bowles declared.

Blind Self-Interest.
He added that achievement of full production and prosperity is "being delayed by fear and doubt and blind self-interest."

The new wage-price policy, he continued, "can rid our economy of those bottlenecks and clear the way for the greatest flood of goods this great nation has ever seen."

He promised that the government will slash red tape to a minimum in handling applications for approval of wage increases and for price hikes.

To a great extent, Bowles said, pay boosts will get automatic approval as soon as increased patterns

for industries or local areas have been set. And OPA, he announced, is streamlining its price analysis machinery so applications for boosts can be handled swiftly.

Bowles Determined Low Prices Won't Stall Production

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Stabilization Director Chester Bowles said today he is determined prices will not be allowed to interfere with production.

He told a news conference he believes reports that price controls have slowed the flow of goods are "fallacious" but he added that OPA and the Office of Economic Stabilization intend to "investigate every squeak we receive on this matter and to grant relief whenever it is justified."

Sen. Barkley Fighting For Housing Bill

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Senator Barkley (D-Ky) said today the administration will fight to restore \$500,000,000 in subsidies when housing legislation is considered by the Senate.

Barkley talked with reporters at the White House after Congressional leaders conferred with President Truman. The House rejected subsidies on building materials and another key feature of the President's housing program—ceiling prices on old homes.

Barkley made clear that administration forces would attempt to revive all features of the original housing bill asked by Mr. Truman, but he said the major efforts would be behind the subsidy payments.

Nationalist Troops Battle Communists In Mukden Streets

Sudden Withdrawal Of Soviet Forces Blamed For Fight

Chungking, March 11.—(AP)—Chinese Nationalist and Communist reinforcements today were reported moving to Mukden, where, the Central News Agency said, the rival forces were battling after sudden withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Chinese press dispatches said that the Communists, heavily outnumbered Nationalist troops in the city of 2,500,000—Manchuria's largest—had occupied the power plant and northern district.

Other reports said the Central Government had proclaimed martial law in the skeleton city, whose once great industrial plants had been picked clean by the Russians.

Armies on Move.
The press reports declared that elements of four Nationalist armies were marching to Mukden and that Communist reinforcements were moving in from the north. Government elements were identified as from the 13th, 52nd, 1st, and 6th armies.

The Central Daily news said the Nationalist 14th division entered Mukden Saturday.

The suddenness of the Russian withdrawal was blamed for the "serious" street fighting in Mukden. Dispatches said the Nationalists did not have enough troops to cope with the situation.

Joins Vets' Airline



VETERAN PILOT with over 1600 flying hours behind her, Louise Schumann, 25, is pictured at controls of a plane she flies for a New York company formed by Army and Navy war pilots. Only woman on the flying staff, she was an RAF ferrying pilot in England. (International)

Stassen May Enter Race For Senate

Four Republicans Expected To Test Their Popularity

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Harold Stassen's possible entry this week into the Minnesota Senatorial race may raise to four the list of Republican presidential prospects likely to test their popularity in this year's elections.

Stassen, former governor of Minnesota who served as Adm. William Halsey's flag secretary during the war, indicated he will make up his mind this week whether to oppose Senator Henrik Shipstead for the Republican Senatorial nomination.

Bricker Top Man?
John Bricker, Ohio, who reportedly hopes he will be promoted from the number two spot he held on the 1944 GOP ticket to the top in 1947, is expected to seek the Ohio Senatorial seat now held by James W. Huffman, a Democratic appointee.

In Michigan, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, who is regarded as a possible presidential candidate despite his protests he has no ambitions along that line, will be fighting for re-election.

If Stassen decides to take on Shipstead for the Minnesota nomination, he is expected to draw a sharp issue on foreign policy. The former governor has been preaching collective security doctrines for years.

Government Order Expected To Hike Clothing Output

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Government and industry officials expressed confidence today that price increases authorized for clothing will wash out the hoarding they say has been going on.

But just in case higher prices don't turn the trick, the Civilian Production Agency is about ready with a new order which it expects will close any remaining loopholes.

OPA's latest price adjustment applies to men's and boys' suits and coats and to a few other scarce apparel items, such as jackets and trousers.

The new order permits manufacturers to raise their prices gradually on current rather than March 1942 costs. But it requires them to use profit mark-ups of three years ago instead of the higher mark-ups of last August which have been in effect.

CHURCHILL TELLS TRUMAN GOODBYE

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Winston Churchill paid a 15-minute call on President Truman today to say farewell before returning to England.

Leaving the White House the former prime minister declined to discuss the conversation with reporters. "I'm just going to lunch with," he remarked. He referred to a luncheon tendered him at the Statler Hotel by newspapermen.

Solons Give CPA, OPA Funds Back

Joint Committee Votes Full Sum For Price Agency

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Two key Administration reconversion control agencies, the CPA and OPA, won restoration of funds today from a Senate-House appropriations subcommittee.

The Senate previously had voted to slash in two funds approved by the House for operation during the next four months of the Office of Price Administration and the Civilian Production Agency (postwar successor to the War Production Board.)

The conference agreement, which must be approved first by the House and then the Senate, allows CPA the full \$1,500,000 voted by the House. The Senate had cut this to \$750,000 on a roll call vote.

OPA \$1,500,000. The House had voted \$1,854,000 and the Senate cut this to \$827,000.

The funds are included in a bill supplying money for the rest of the current fiscal year which ends June 30.

March Busy Farm Month

Raleigh, March 11.—Due to the bad weather of December, January, and February, this March will be one of the busiest experienced on the farms of North Carolina, Frank Parker, head of the Statistics Division of the State Department of Agriculture has predicted.

Pointing out that farming operations in general throughout the State are approximately one month behind schedule, Parker declared that only more bad weather can prevent this month from being more active on the agricultural front than any March during the war years.

He said that the past two weeks of generally fair weather over most of the State has put virtually all of the uplands in condition for spring plowing. The recent warm spell has brought out the buds on the peach trees and spraying will keep orchardists busy for the next two weeks, according to Parker.

Although refusing to make any predictions about the weather for March, he said that the first five days of this month were almost identical with March weather a year ago—when thousands of apple and peach trees in Piedmont and Western North Carolina bloomed, only to be cut back by freezing weather in April and May.

Parker declared that small grain is making good progress, particularly in the central and eastern portions of the State.

He reported that most of the peanuts left on stacks in the fields in the northeastern counties throughout the winter have been picked within the past 10 days. Normally, he explained, this work is completed by the first of the year.