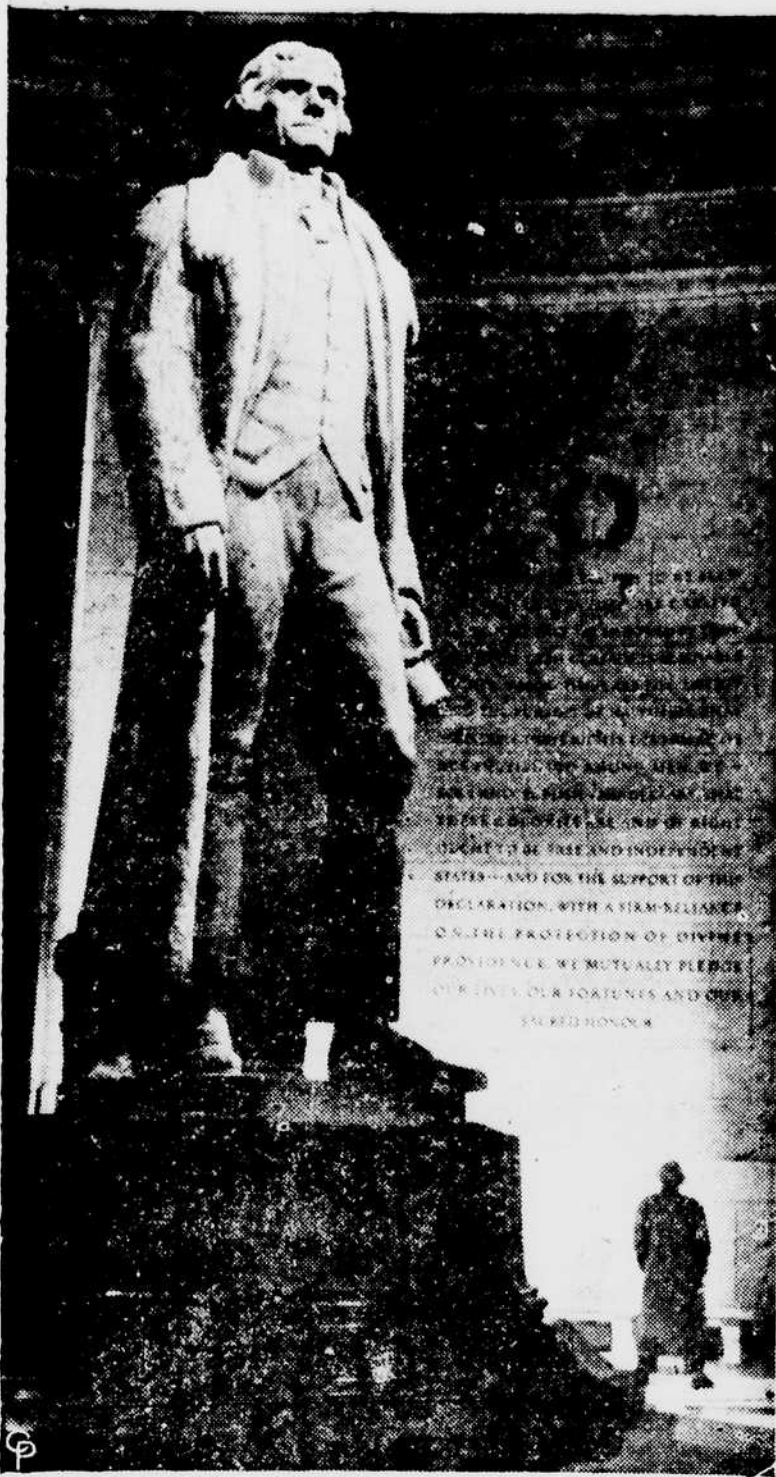


'WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE...'



TODAY COMMEMORATES THE BIRTHDAY of Thomas Jefferson, founder of the Democratic Party, and author of the Declaration of Independence. He was twice elected President of the United States and was the first of the presidents to be inaugurated in Washington. Jefferson's preamble to the Declaration of Independence forms the background for the above statue of the great American champion of democracy and religious freedom in the Jefferson Memorial Building, Washington. (International)

## DRAFT HOLIDAY IDEA GAINS

### UNO May Investigate Nazis In Spain

#### Council Is Considering Franco Bid

New York, April 13.—(AP)—Members of the United Nations security council guardedly studied today an invitation from the Spanish cabinet asking the council to determine for itself by inspection whether refugee German scientists are engaged in atomic research in Spain.

Council reaction was immediately lacking, but one delegation, which declined to be identified, had indicated previously that an invitation from Generalissimo Franco asking for such an investigation would seem a logical answer for Spanish leader to make to Poland's charges.

While there probably will be no immediate decision on acceptance or rejection of Franco's invitation, the possibility arose that Spain might be permitted to state her case before the council.

Spanish sources said Franco might send a representative to the council, if asked, on the condition that he be allowed to speak without taking the role of a defending nation "on trial."

Some authorities suggested that the Council, under its elastic powers, could call upon a non-voting, non-member to participate in its own interests, if desired, in order that both sides might be heard.

Similar, in its wide latitude of operations, the Council could send members or delegated technicians to Spain as an investigative body in the evidence of Poland—and supporting arguments expected to be offered by Russia, France and Mexico against Spain—indicates that such action is necessary.

The post-midnight cabinet statement in Madrid included the invitation in a full denial of Poland's charges before the Council that the Franco regime constituted a menace to peace because it harbored fugitive war criminals, Nazi assets and indebtedness, "devising new means of warfare."

The statement said Poland's charges were "absolutely and totally false," and were part of "continuous attacks by international communism."

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## UNC Places 39 Degrees As Celebration Closes

### U. S. Meat Famine Is Spreading

(By The Associated Press.)

Housewives were urged to figure out meatless menus in many sections of the nation today.

Butcher shop proprietors in Chicago, the world's packing house center, helplessly attempted to cope with the customers' clamor for meat by offering a few chickens, sausage or the usually least popular cuts.

The growing shortage appeared to be worse in numerous cities than at any time during wartime rationing.

Senator Elmer Thomas, D-Okla., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, predicted in Chicago that unless price controls were lifted there wouldn't be any legitimate meat on the market within thirty days. He said OPA had "practically given up" on the black market situation.

Thomas E. Wilson, chairman of Wilson & Company, said cattle purchases by meat packers in Chicago were the lowest this week that he could recall in fifty years. Fifteen packers, including Armour, Swift and Wilson, he said, together bought only 9,000 head, or about 25 per cent of the slaughter cattle sold the first four days of this week.

#### PRINCE NASHIMOTO FREED AS SUSPECT

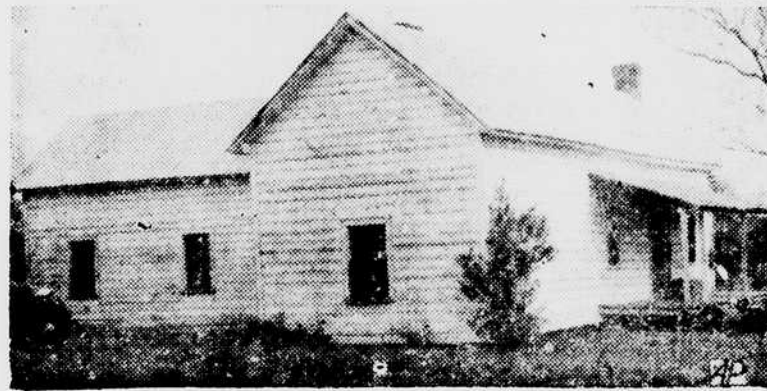
Morim Asenfwyp entw entweta Tokyo, April 13.—(AP)—Prince Morim Asu Nashimoto, only member of the imperial family jailed as a suspected war criminal, was freed today from Sagamo prison for lack of evidence.

Nashimoto, 72, was angry because the Japanese prison office failed to send an automobile to take him to the charred ruins of his mansion. He readily accepted a ride in the Associated Press jeep.

#### TWO HOLD-UP MEN KILLED

New York, April 13.—(AP)—Two hold-up men, both war veterans, were shot to death early today in a gun battle with police, who said they surprised the pair as they were looting an upper west side hotel. The shootings climaxed a week-long series of fatal shootings in the city which have brought death to eight persons.

#### Vanished War Bride With Kin



Mrs. Evelyn Poston (center), 16-year-old British war bride who vanished from her husband's home near Salisbury, N. C., after staying there only 30 hours, is welcomed by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shisler, after her arrival in their home at Elms, N. Y. She says she likes western New York "much better" than the Salisbury section, and will try to get a divorce. At the bottom is the home a few miles from Salisbury to which Ex-GI Warren H. Poston took his bride. (AP Wirephotos.)

## Feeding Of Germans To Cost Plenty

U. S. Is Planning To Spend Monthly \$60 Million Total

Washington, April 13.—(AP)—The United States today reported planning monthly expenditures of almost \$60,000,000 to help feed occupied Germany and Japan until mid-1947.

A total of \$700,000,000 has been earmarked for this purpose in the War Department's budget estimate for the 12 months beginning July 1, according to an official who withheld his name.

To make up current deficiencies, food already is being shipped into the United States occupied zone of Germany at the rate of more than 50,000 tons a month. About 25,000 tons of rice and rice substitutes have been delivered to Japan this far.

This food, if paid for from War Department funds, is to "prevent disease and unrest," Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy military governor, explained in first announcing the plan to the Germans the extent of American aid.

The basic ration of the 18,000,000 Germans in the United States zone was reduced this month from 1,555 to 1,275 calories. Officials declined to reveal the ratio contemplated under the new budget estimates.

These authorities, who could not be quoted by name, said it was virtually certain that the projected May 1 peace conference of 21 Allied nations which fought the European war to victory could not be held on schedule. "The hope here is that it may be held by mid-May but it may not be possible even then."

## Deadlock Over Peace Treaties Being Prolonged

Washington, April 13.—(AP)—Prolonged deadlock among the big powers over five issues involved in European peace treaties threatened today to delay the final peace settlement for the beaten Axis satellites.

High American officials were privately very pessimistic about the possibilities of breaking the deadlock at the meeting of American foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and France, beginning April 25 at Paris.

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## McFarland Waives Hearing; Will be Taken To Capital

Knoxville, Tenn., April 13.—(AP)—Condemned rape killer Earl McFarland waived today a removal hearing and will be returned to the Washington jail from which he escaped April 3.

U. S. Assistant District Attorney James M. Meek said McFarland signed the waiver and that U. S. Commissioner H. M. Barrett would certify the papers to Federal Judge George Taylor.

Earlier, the government proposed removal of McFarland to die for the rape-slaving of an 18-year-old girl had run into opposition from the ex-marine's sister, Mrs. John L. Emory, of New Market, Tenn.

Mrs. Emory visited McFarland in the Knoxville jail last night and then employed an attorney. "Earl has never acted right since he came back from the war," said Mrs. Emory following a conference with her brother.

## Senate Is Split Over Holding Of Atom Bomb Test

Washington, April 13.—(AP)—The Senate split today over the question of holding or cancelling the Bikini atom bomb tests despite President Truman's statement that the experiments are of "vital importance" to national defense.

Senator Lucas, D-Ill., leading a fight for abandonment of the tests, told reporters today he fears that if the bombs exploded on schedule the world may obtain some valuable information if otherwise would not get on American military power.

The Illinois senator indicated he believed it would be better for all concerned if the extent of the damage that can be inflicted by atom bombs or naval vessels remain an unsettled question until the world gets further along the road to peace.

## Sugar Units Set Strike At Midnight

Last-Minute Plea To Avert Walkout As Yet Unavailing

(By The Associated Press.)

A strike was set for midnight tonight by 8,000 AFL and CIO employes in seven east coast sugar refineries which process about two-thirds of the nation's raw sugar. Last-minute attempts were being made by Federal labor conciliators to avert the walkout in plants of three major sugar refineries in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore. Four CIO and three AFL locals are involved in a wage dispute with the American National and Revere refining companies.

Major developments along the labor front during the last 24 hours was the threat of a strike by 1,300 Transcontinental and Western Air Company pilots during the week of April 21. An airline pilots' association said wage demands would increase the present maximum annual pay from \$13,200 to \$16,200.

Continuing labor disputes through the country kept idle about 760,000 workers.

## Manchurian Crisis Grows

Peiping, China, April 13.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., disclosed today that the final American peace committee of three, with substitutes having replaced all original members, is powerless to act in the Manchurian crisis.

Gillem said he has acquainted General Marshall, whom he temporarily replaced as the American member, with the seriousness of the Manchurian situation. He is awaiting instructions from Marshall, who employed from Washington yesterday to return as President Truman's special envoy to China.

The committee marked time today, its fact-finding mission to Manchuria halted short of that civil strife-torn territory because of its impotency.

A source close to the committee said Marshall's immediate return is vital if accomplishments thus far toward unifying China are to be preserved.

A reconnaissance plane dispatched by Sino-American trade headquarters here to the area north of Shanhaikwan and south of Suichung returned with photographs showing five breaks in the Peiping-Mukden railroad at the throat of the government communication line to Manchuria.

## Chairman May Says It's Wrong To Put Children In Army

Ban Being Sought On Inductions Of Youths Under 20

Washington, April 13.—(AP)—Pleading for a ban on inductions of 18 and 19-year-old youths, Representative May, Democrat, Kentucky, told the House today "it's wrong to put children in the army."

Departing from the stand of the military committee, of which he is chairman, May introduced an amendment to draft extension legislation to raise the minimum induction age from 18 to 20.

In a speech supporting the proposal, he told the House he believed it also would be "a wise move" to stop all inductions while a voluntary enlistment program is in operation.

An amendment to extend the draft law from May 15 of this year to February 15, 1947, but to prohibit actual inductions between May 15 and October 15 of this year is pending.

May's committee has urged a straight nine months extension with no change in existing age limits, and no draft holiday.

In support of his contention that teenagers are not needed, May said Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower recently told the Senate military committee that teenagers "are not so suitable for military service."

Opposing May's amendment, Representative Walter G. Andrews, of New York, top Republican of the military committee, told the House there were not enough acceptable men in the pool over 19 to furnish the manpower needs of the armed services between now and July 1, 1947.

#### SNOWBALLING SUPPORT FOR HOLIDAY GROWING

Washington, April 13.—(AP)—Snowballing support for a draft holiday has set reluctant House leaders to indicate a willingness today to go along on a temporary induction ban in order to get the draft law extended nine months from May 15.

But they prepared to fight to the last ditch an amendment prohibiting the induction of any one under 20, privately would nullify the entire legislation.

Apparently there wasn't much they could do about either the "holiday" proposal or the two-age ban, for both rolled up heavy support when outlined yesterday during the opening of debate on the draft extension measure.

These two red-hot issues are scheduled to be disposed of one way or the other by midnight, along with a motion to kill outright the entire extension legislation. And to allow plenty of time for a decision, Speaker Rayburn called the House into early session again today for the second successive day in an effort to send the bill to the Senate for a vote next week.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair and slightly warmer today; clear and cool again tonight, with scattered light frosts in interior; Sunday partly cloudy and warmer.

#### Succeeds Gromyko



SOVIET Charge d'Affaires Nikolai V. Novikov (above) has been named to succeed Andrei A. Gromyko as Russian Ambassador to the United States. It was announced in Moscow that Gromyko was released from his post in order to devote his full time to the U.N. Security Council. (International)

## Rightists Winners In Jap Voting

Radical Elements Given Few Seats In The New House

Tokyo, April 13.—(AP)—Virtually final, unofficial returns from Japan's general election emphasized tonight that a heavy conservative block would dominate the House of Representatives which meets May 19 to consider a new constitution.

Meantime, Japanese were promised a lively fight between Premier Shidehara, who is determined to retain his cabinet until the constitution has been adopted, and Liberal party Leader Hatoyama, who wants to form a coalition government.

With only one seat of the 466-member house to be filled, newspaper figures gave the liberals, who actually are conservative, 141 seats, a lead of 48 over their nearest rivals, the progressives, who also are conservative. The progressive membership was reduced by tonight's figures to 93.

With their total of 234 votes, the two parties hold a bare majority, but may get support from many of the 80 independents and some of the 92 social democrats elected. The latter has been both right and left factions.

#### SLIGHTLY FISHY

Syracuse, N. Y., April 13.—(AP)—Today's fish story. The Detective Bureau assigned Detective Edward Sagnone, described by his colleagues as "quite a fisherman," to locate the fishing boat that Ernest Fish, 110 Fish Avenue, reported stolen.

## 325,000 Japs Are Still In Java, Dutch Declare

London, April 13.—(AP)—Dr. Hubertus J. Van Mook, acting governor-general of the Dutch East Indies, said today 325,000 Japanese were still in Indonesia, 290,000 under Allied control and the rest "somewhere in the interior of Java."

Van Mook declined to predict when the withdrawal of British troops from Indonesia, announced last night, would be completed. Dutch forces are to replace the British units in gradual transfers.

The announcement was made in a British communique following a conference attended by the British and Dutch prime ministers and foreign secretaries.

Van Mook said negotiations between the Dutch and Indonesians on the islanders' request for independence probably would be resolved by an "equal partnership" and provisions for the Indonesians to decide later whether they wished to continue such a partnership.

Van Mook said the main need in Indonesia was not so much for food as for textiles. Negotiations now are under way with the United States, Britain and Australia for between \$100,000,000 and \$500,000,000 in foreign credits for reconstruction, he said.