

THAT I SHOULD LIVE TO SEE THIS...

"BIBBS," a jet-black cat turns her feline eyes to heaven as if seeking a clue to the mystery of how it came to happen that she, above all the cats in the house, and there are 25 of them, should have a bevy of babies so unlike their mother. Of the three kittens, two are white all over. The third has a black spot. Cat experts say that chances of this happening are one in 500. "Bibbs" and 24 other cats are owned by Mrs. Freda Wesley, of Brooklyn, N. Y. She collects cats as other people collect stamps. (International)



Situation In Manchuria Gets Worse

General Marshall To Fly To Peiping For Conference

(By The Associated Press.)

General George Marshall, recalling the urgency of the Manchurian fighting will fly tomorrow from Tokyo to Peiping, the Sino-American truce headquarters announced today to again throw his influence into peace talks.

President Truman's special envoy, cancelled a important conference with Chinese Premier T. T. Seng in Shanghai to go direct to the truce headquarters today.

There he will meet the Sino-American committee of three which with substitutes for all three original members has not had opportunity to carry out its assigned mission of effecting a truce between Nationalist Chinese government and Communist forces. He affected both military and political truces last January but neither was put into effect and shortly after he went to Washington for conferences, the situation worsened.

Marshall's decision to fly to Peiping was made after the number two Chinese Communist leader, General Chou En-lai, called the fighting in Manchuria full scale civil war.

Both Marshall and Chou were original members of the committee of three.

To Prosecute Tojo



FORMER chief deputy district attorney of Los Angeles, Calif., Eugene D. Williams was named chief prosecutor at the forthcoming war crimes trial of former Jap premier Tojo. (International Soundphoto)

Council Sidesteps Any Action On Iran Issue

Group Urged To Consider Franco Issue

New York, April 16.—(AP)—The United Nations Security Council today postponed action on Russia's proposal for dropping the Russian-Iranian case and adjourned until tomorrow with three delegates demanding immediate consideration of Poland's charges against Franco Spain.

Dr. Quo Tai-chi, chairman announced the council would meet at 9 P. M. tomorrow.

He did not state what would be taken up then, but France, Britain and Poland joined in asking immediate consideration of the Spanish case.

Poland has charged Franco Spain with endangering world peace and with harboring Nazi scientists doing research on new atomic weapons.

Eight delegates lined up today against Russia's proposal that the council immediately strike the Russian-Iranian case from its agenda.

Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and France stood together for the Russian move.

The fifth nation on the council, France, presented a compromise proposal designed to have Secretary-General Trygve Lie obtain complete information on the case for the council's report to the general assembly which meets here September 3. This would have the effect of taking the case off the council's docket.

Lie handed the council a memo expressing doubt that the council could legally keep the case on its agenda. He noted the council had not declared a dispute existed, that the governments had announced an agreement and Iran had withdrawn the case.

VOLUNTEER FOR 'STARVATION' DIET



ONE OF SEVEN CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS who volunteered to serve as "guinea pigs" in a diet experiment at Northwestern University, Chicago, Gareth W. Heister, of Etna Green, Ind., is shown tacking in his "starvation" breakfast. It consists of apple sauce, corn meal mush, salt pork, oleomargarine, syrup, salt, pepper, and pills, some of which contain vitamins and some, maybe, blanks. This has been the average breakfast for Heister since September 1, 1945. (International Soundphoto)

N. C. Farm Leaders Ask Removal Of OPA Controls From Products Of Dairies

Atom Bomb Tests' Cost: \$110 Million

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—The atomic bomb task force chief believes the cost of the Bikini atoll experiments will be no greater than that for "one large new ship"—which could be about \$110,000,000—the current price of a super battleship.

Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blancy, commander for the joint army-navy operation, said "the unformed" had estimated the last would cost \$425,000,000 for target ships and another \$100,000,000 for other expenses.

Blancy also made these other observations:

1. The tests are no threat to other nations and no martial gesture. They are a defensive measure of "caution and economy."
2. The post-war armed forces "will be definitely and markedly affected by the implications of the atomic bomb. For the next several years, study, experiment, invention and training should point the way toward the best kind of armed forces not outlawed."
3. Prompt information is necessary as the atomic bomb can be produced within a few years by almost any nation.

OPA Might Intervene In Rate Issue

Mining Disaster, Taking Lives Of 1,549 Disclosed

Tokyo, April 16.—(AP)—The world's worst mining disaster—an underground explosion which snuffed out 1,549 Chinese and Koreans lives in the Honkoku colliery in Manchuria—was reported for the first time today by Allied headquarters—almost four years after it happened.

The accident occurred April 26, 1942 under Japanese occupation. It was kept secret by the military from even the Japanese government for a month.

The explosion was set off by a short circuit which ignited gas in the mine.

Several hundred of the deaths were needless, as mine officials refused to turn on ventilating fans for fear of spreading the fire.

OVER 70 INDONESIAN SOLDIERS ARE SLAIN

Batavia, April 16.—(AP)—Dutch troops killed over 70 Indonesian Nationalist troops in two engagements near Batavia yesterday, an official announcement today said. Three Dutch soldiers were also killed.

Two British Indian soldiers were killed in clashes with Indonesian forces south of Batavia.

RAPE TRIAL OPENS

Lumberton, April 16.—(AP)—Four negroes charged with the rape of a white woman here last went on trial in Robeson superior court today with Judge Clawson L. Williams presiding.

Four white men were selected from the regular panel of jurors during the first hour. A special venire of 150 jurors is available if the regular panel is exhausted.

Butte Quiet After Raids By Vandals

Veterans, Members Of Striking Union Help Bring Peace

Butte, Mont., April 16.—(AP)—This strike-bound copper capital of 40,000 began relaxing today from three days and nights of vandalism as Sheriff Al McLeod credited volunteer war veterans and members of the striking CIO miners' union with helping ease the tension.

While police and sheriff's officers last night waited for telephone callers to carry out threats to visit more homes of non-strikers, representatives of the international union of mine, mill and smelter workers, (CIO) patrolled Butte pleading with crowds to keep order.

McLeod said groups of girls, boys, and women broke up without trouble and he added:

"We don't expect any more trouble, and won't need outside help. But I've been authorized to swear in 100 special deputies and I expect to have them all today just in case."

Several groups of women and children threatened by telephone callers were moved from their homes for protection last night.

Civic Leader Of Greensboro Dies

Greensboro, April 16.—(AP)—James E. Latham, 79, cotton broker and business man and a leader in the development of Greensboro died early today at a local hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

Mr. Latham was born near Goldsboro.

Class By Himself



A RESIDENT-PATIENT at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, Henry Doll, 97, claims to be the only living naval veteran of the Civil War. He is one of the few old vets who admits he never saw President Lincoln—"The closest I ever got was seeing his picture." (International)

Spain Fears Invasion By Red Troops

'Secret Agreement' Pinned By Madrid; Replies Awaited

London, April 16.—(AP)—The Madrid radio expressed fear today that Russia was planning to invade Spain as the Franco government awaited replies today from five "friendly" nations invited to send technicians to investigate charges that Spain is a threat to world peace.

The countries are the United States, Britain, Egypt, the Netherlands and Brazil.

The Madrid radio, which is government controlled, said there was a secret agreement between France and Russia which might lead to a Russian march through France and into Spain. The existence of any such agreement was denied in Paris.

The broadcast said that "all indications" were that the Spanish republican government in exile which has headquarters in Paris was preparing military intervention "by means of frontier incursions."

"Once such an incident has taken place," the radio said, "Russian troops could come to the assistance of their allies by marching through France."

Truman Urged To Speak Up For OPA Bill

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Senator Wayne Morse (R) of Oregon said today assurances of President Truman of "fair and reasonable" OPA activities will be needed to save the price control agency in Congress.

Morse told reporters he spoke as a friend of OPA who wants to continue "regulations necessary to the objectives of price control as a check against inflation, and added:

"It is obvious that the President must take a hand in this matter and give us some definite assurances that OPA is going to function in a fair and reasonable manner in accordance with the facts."

Given these assurances, Morse said, backers of OPA's programs will be able to prevent coming down of the measure to extend the life of OPA a year beyond June 30.

The Oregon lawmaker spoke as the Senate Banking Committee recalled Stabilization Director Chester Bowles for more testimony on legislation to extend OPA's life.

Truman's Formula To Be Basis Of Coal Price Hike

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles said today any increases in coal prices as the result of a strike settlement would be fixed strictly on the basis of the administration's wage-price policy.

There will be "no around about methods," he told Senator Caphart (R) of Indiana during testimony before the Senate Banking Committee today in testimony to continue the OPA a year beyond June 30—its present expiration date.

"Suppose the operators and miners get together on a 20 per cent increase in wages and the operators ask a 55 boost in the price of coal," Caphart asked.

Bowles replied it would be up to the wage stabilization board to say what part of the pay increases could be approved as a basis for a price increase.

Food Crisis Attack Plans Being Laid

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—The government mapped today a new attack on the starved food situation involving butter, bread, meat—and black markets.

War-time controls were ordered slapped back in an effort to spur butter production and Stabilization Chief Chester Bowles, tomorrow "real improvement within the next 60 days" on this front.

The Senate Agriculture Committee called for more details of factors dislocating meat distribution while OPA moved to restore other war-time controls on slaughtering with the aim of spreading available supplies more evenly.

A potential bread problem had members of the Senate Small Business Committee seeking ways of meeting farmers' relief quotas for overseas without impairing the nation's flour supplies. Baking industry spokesmen told the committee that if these supplies drop 25 per cent below last year, government bread rationing or black markets in the food are probable.

The move for butter production was bracketed with OPA action to keep consumers' bills at their present level for milk, butter, cheese and other dairy products.

Weather For North Carolina

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Wednesday. Scattered showers in mountains and southern portion this afternoon.

Senate Seems Cool To Draft Extender

Leaders Won't Do Anything On It For About A Week

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—A cooling-off period in the Senate appeared in store today for the chopped up draft extension bill and its companion service pay boost measure.

Senate leaders indicated an inclination to do nothing for at least a week about the two pieces of legislation passed by the House yesterday.

What they would do then was doubtful.

It seemed highly unlikely, however, that the Senate would accept the selective service extender in anything like the House version—with its five month "studied" on instructions, and a ban against drafting teen-age youths.

The Senate Military Committee has recommended a full one year extension from May 15 and it has evidenced little sympathy with the House's "holiday" plan or its nine-month extension.

Spokesmen for the War Department, upset over the House action, said they are hopeful of salvaging the measure in the Senate. Especially disturbed by the ban on teen-age inductions, they claim the army can't meet its manpower needs if that restriction stays in the bill.

N. C. Liquor Sales Show Great Jump

Raleigh, April 16.—(AP)—Liquor sales in the state's 25 wet counties totaled \$2,837,491 in March compared with \$1,742,952 in March, 1945. February sales totaled \$2,066,531.75.

Durham county again led the list with sales of \$359,224.

Wake county sales totaled \$94,960.20.

Anti-Petrillo Bill Signed By Truman

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—President Truman signed today legislation making it a federal offense to use coercion against radio broadcasters.

Sponsors said the bill is designed to halt certain practices of the AFL musician's union, headed by James Cagney Petrillo.

It carries penalties of up to a year's imprisonment and \$1,000 fine for compelling broadcasts to:

1. Hire more employees than they want.
2. Pay money for services not performed.
3. Pay unions for the use of phonograph records.
4. Pay again for broadcasting a transcript of a previous program.

The same penalties could be levied against persons interfering with broadcasts of cultural or educational programs.

INDUSTRIAL ISSUES LEAD THE MARKET

New York, April 16.—(AP)—Selected industrials paced an upturn in today's stock market that added fractions to a number of issues.

Appearance of several favorable earnings announcements gave support for buying.