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Jap Cabinet And Premier Step Down

Action Is Taken To Stabilize The Political Situation

Tokyo, April 22.—(AP)—Premier Kijuro Shidohara and his cabinet resigned in a group tonight to stabilize the political situation in Japan.

The action, predicted since no party succeeded in gaining a majority in the April 12 election came after a series of political maneuvers so complex that they dazzled the ordinary Japanese and left the make-up of the next government obscure.

The 73-year-old premier took his resignation to the imperial palace shortly after 7 p. m. (Tokyo time) (5 a. m. EST). Emperor Hirohito accepted it in a one-hour audience but followed with the traditional practice of a king Shidohara to remain in office until his successor could be appointed.

Foreign Minister Shigeru Yoshida conveyed the resignation decision to General MacArthur previously through a supreme headquarters staff official.

Regime Under Fire

This first full time occupation cabinet, appointed soon after the surrender, ended its six months regime under fire from all but one political party, all Tokyo newspapers, most trade unions, and other organizations.

Criticism has been almost constant the past four months over the cabinet's failure to solve the food problem and other difficulties connected with living under rehabilitation conditions.

Blame for the livelihood problems and growing distrust of what was called a "do nothing" cabinet were the basic factors in Shidohara's downfall. But organized political opposition finally forced the resignation—evidently made according to plan—after Shidohara repeatedly announced he intended to remain in office until the next diet.

The progressive party, of which Shidohara is scheduled to become president tomorrow, supplied the final push to the cabinet which tottered in two major crises in the past few months. The progressives refused to accept Shidohara as president until he resigned as premier.

T. W. U. A. Reports \$449,000,000 Is On Hand Presently

New York, April 22.—The Textile Workers Union of America, that cash resources of \$449,476,67 as of February 28, 1946, according to financial reports which William Pollock, general secretary-treasurer of the union, has prepared for TWU-IO's fourth biennial convention in Atlantic City, N. J., April 24 to 28.

More than half of the resources, \$270,474, is invested in U. S. War Bonds. Pollock said in releasing complete figures on the financial status of the union, fourth largest in the CIO. The financial statement will reach the 1,400 delegates to the convention through reports of the general secretary-treasurer and of the union's National Executive Council, which will meet in Atlantic City for two days prior to the convention.

Pollock's figures cover a three-year period, from March 1, 1943, to February 28, 1946. The convention scheduled for 1945 had to be postponed because of wartime travel restrictions.

Cash received by the union in the three-year period covered by the report totaled \$5,169,257,628. Pollock said. Per capita taxes paid by the individual members to the international union accounted for \$4,096,437,97 and initiation fees, \$1 per member, accounted for \$131,934,50.

Food Collection Drive To Start

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—Every person in the United States will be asked to take a direct part in helping to feed people in starving lands under a nation-wide food conservation plan outlined today.

Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace will serve as chairman of the "Emergency Food Collection" campaign, which begins May 12, with every community mobilized.

This country's people will be requested to contribute "either food canned in tin or money to buy food," Wallace said in a statement accepting the chairmanship. "The proceeds will be distributed through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration."

FRACTIONAL GAINS MADE ON MARKET

New York, April 22.—(AP)—Fractional advances predominated in today's stock market.

On the outside at midday were Santa Fe, Loev's, Glenn Martin, Westinghouse, Bethlehem, Eversharp and Oliver Farm. Small declines were posted for Boeing, and North American.

WATCHING MINE RESCUE EFFORTS



While rescue workers toiled to release survivors and recover bodies of men trapped by a blast in the Great Valley Anthracite Coal Corporation's mine at McCoy, Virginia, this unidentified spectator waited nearby to learn the fate of his loved ones. Twelve men died in the blast. (International Soundphoto).

Week-End Violence Takes 14 N. C. Lives

Traffic Accidents Responsible For 6; Two Suicides Listed; Two Children Die

(By The Associated Press.)

Violent deaths claimed at least 14 lives in North Carolina during the past week-end, with traffic accidents responsible for six of them.

One of the traffic victims lost his life in a motorcycle-auto collision near Mt. Airy. He was Jackson Williams, of Lowgap.

Near Goldsboro, W. B. "Bill" Hayes, was killed when his auto left the road and plunged into a sand pit pond.

Joe Mitchell, 29, a negro, was killed yesterday near Wake Forest when the auto in which he was riding overturned.

Two Children Injured

Jean Stovels, was fatally injured when a tractor ran over her in a field near Greenville. The other Frank Cardell Eichelston, 12, 10, was killed when the horse he was riding ran into a tree on his parents' estate near Leasville.

Officials listed two of the week-end deaths as suicides. At Roxboro, Coroner A. E. Nichols, said Miss

RAILROAD WRECK FATAL TO TWO MEN

Boston, April 22.—(AP)—Two engine men were dead today, a third was in critical condition and approximately 300 persons reported injured after two New Haven railroad passenger trains collided head-on last night in the Readsville section.

The dead were Norman Goodwin, 37, a fireman, and Eugene William Ryan, 39, who were crushed in the cab of their Hartford to Boston locomotive as it crashed into a passenger train from Providence, R. I. train.

Railroad officials said one of the trains had run past stop signals and that an investigation was underway.

WANTA BUY A SUIT? ARMY HAS A SURPLUS

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—The army is in the market for some 1,364,000 winter under shirts at the same time it is turning loose its surplus large stocks of other clothing.

For the current second quarter wool undershirts already have been contracted for, and the purchase of 546,100 more is planned for the third quarter, officials reported today.

Otherwise, the army is so well supplied at the moment with left over war stocks that clothing valued at \$11,500,000 has been declared surplus to help relieve the civilian shortage.

TOBACCONIST DIES OF HEART TROUBLE

Greenville, April 22.—(AP)—A. E. Hobbgood, 66, Greenville tobacconist, died at his home here early today of heart trouble.

Funeral services will be held from Memorial Baptist church at 3 p. m. Tuesday.

OPABackers Said Guilty Of 'Hokum'

Verbal Battle At Committee Hearing Is Begun By Besse

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—President Arthur Besse of the National Association of Wood Manufacturers today called OPA supporters guilty of "hokum" and set off a loud war in the Senate Banking committee.

Testifying at the start of hearings on legislation to extend price controls beyond June 30, Besse observed that administration leaders wanted OPA extended without "stripping amendments" he called this "hokum of the highest order."

Senator Tobey (R) of New Hampshire, shouted for Besse to steer clear of opinion.

"Are you saying that anybody who favors extension of OPA is guilty of hokum?" Asked Senator Barkley (D) of Kentucky. Told by Besse that was the case, Barkley roared.

"Then I'm guilty of hokum. You will have to improve your testimony before I have any respect for it."

"Lack Of Realism"

Besse said he called the administration stand against crippling amendments "hokum," because OPA is "crippled by its own inefficiency, stubbornness and lack of realism."

Meanwhile, Senator Downey (D) of California, said today OPA's chances in the Senate may be considerably improved by mail from consumers who don't like the way the House treated the price control agency.

"My mail and telegrams are running 20 to 25 to one in favor of continuing OPA without crippling amendments," Downey told a reporter.

"I am satisfied from talks in California that the people are overwhelmingly for it, except for a few businessmen."

Noting that senators who want to nure down OPA are getting mail too, said "I think it should make them hesitate."

At the office of Senator Wherry (R) of Nebraska, an outspoken critic of OPA, it was reported that mail in support of OPA was beginning to come. But the lessening of correspondence on the other side was described as only a lull.

PAXTON AWARDED ROBERSON MEDAL

Chapel Hill, April 22.—Eob Paxton, the six-foot-two naval ROTC cadet who scored the goal that tied the game and enabled the Tar Heels to wrest the NCAA Eastern championship from Ohio State in Madison Square Garden last month, has been awarded the Fay Roberson Medal for 1946.

His teammates voted him the medal last night at a dinner given the basketball squad at the Carolina Inn. The medal is presented annually to the varsity basketball player best exemplifying the qualities of character and leadership on and off the court.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

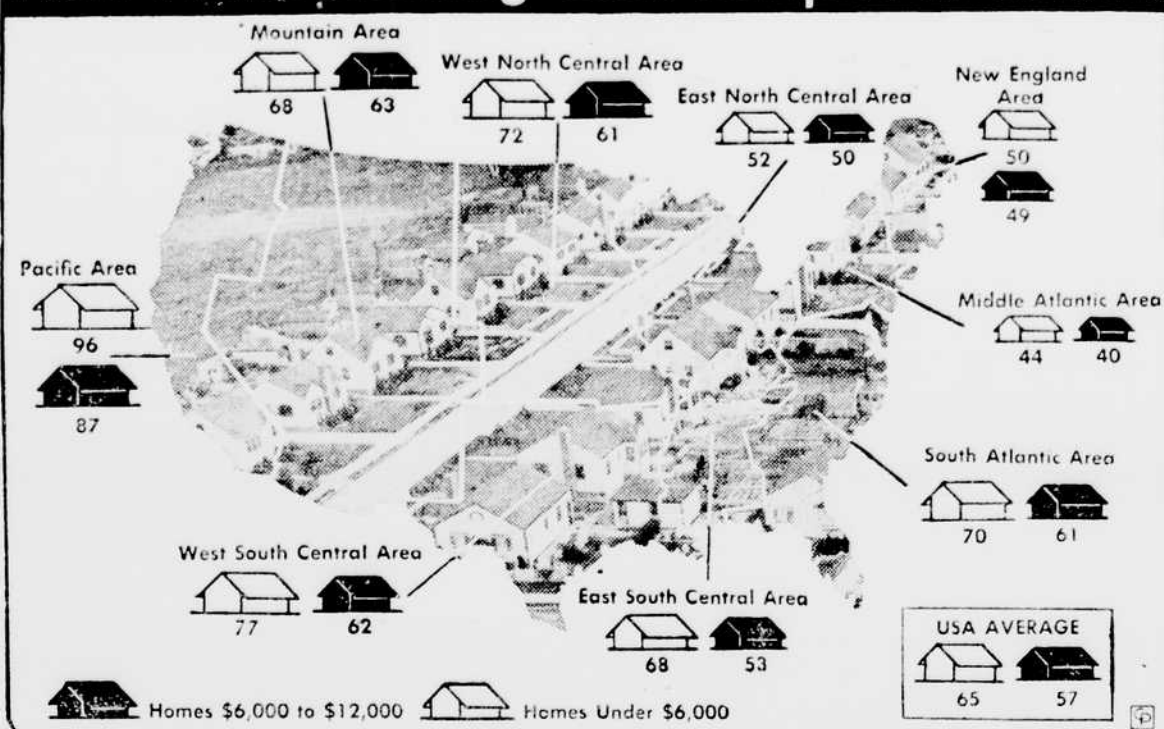
Fair and warmer this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy and mild.

MARK 70 YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS



A PICTURE LIKE THIS can help bring out the sentimental side in the most cynical person. Mr. and Mrs. James Chesnut of Davisburg, Mich., are shown as they were about to celebrate their seventieth wedding anniversary. She is 90 and he is 93. (International Soundphoto)

How Home Building Costs Jumped in U. S. A.



IF YOU'RE THINKING OF BUYING a low or medium-priced house, this chart will give you an idea of how prices rose from the Spring of 1940 to February, 1946. The figures beneath the houses show the percentage increases in different areas of the nation. Lowest rise was in the Middle Atlantic area; the highest, in the Pacific area. The figures are from the April report of the National Housing Agency. (International)

Senate Is Given Compromise Draft And Merger Proposals

U. S. Envoy And Chinese Leaders Talk

Snarled Problem Appears Not To Be Near Solution

Chungking, April 22.—(AP)—China's snarled political problem appeared no nearer solution today after General George Marshall held his first conference with Communist leader General Chou En-Lai since he returned from Washington.

Neither Government or Communist spokesmen reported any progress after the three-hour conference.

A Communist spokesman said Marshall listened without comment to Chou explain the political and military situation in China from his party's viewpoint.

Chou disclosed that Marshall had asked a Communist investigation of the claim that United States planes strafed communist lines in the Szepingkhai area last week. Chou disclaimed personal knowledge of the incident and said he was asking for a report.

Marshall conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek this afternoon.

Meanwhile, government reports from Manchuria said that Chinese communist troops "are gathered like clouds" in the Kungkuo district east of Chungking where the Government's First Army apparently made slow progress in its efforts to reach the fallen capital.

Kungkuo is 30 miles from Chungking, captured by the Communists last week.

The New Life correspondent said five United States newsmen, including Associated Press Correspondent Tom Masterson, were safe in Chungking but without freedom of action. Approximately 100 government officials there were detained.

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Washington, April 22.—(AP)—The State Department will extend to three Russian correspondents a potentially significant invitation to take a look at how America works and thinks and lived in peace time.

The three writers came here to meet with the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Their visit was planned by the newspaper organization to promote an exchange of ideas between the day by day historians of two of the world's greatest powers. The reporters represent the three most powerful Russian news organs—Izvestia, Pravda and Red Star, organ of the Red Army.

SAFETY CONTEST WON BY DETROIT

Washington, April 22.—Detroit, Mich., won top honors today as judging was completed in the A.A.A.'s Seventh National Pedestrian Protection Contest, in which 1,250 cities and all 48 states were contestants.

On the basis of its showing, both as to a pedestrian protection program and an improved safety record for persons afoot, Detroit was named winner of the A.A.A.'s grand award. Taking first place among all the states was Kansas, with Delaware in second place. Honorable mention went to Mississippi and North Dakota, while Alabama won a special station for an improved pedestrian safety record, and Connecticut a citation for the excellence of its pedestrian protection program.

Japs Are Evacuated

Batavia, April 22.—(AP)—Indonesian sources reported today that the evacuation of some 200,000 Japanese from Java's interior began this morning.

Would Free Youths Of Overseas Duty By Using Older Men

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—Senator Bridges (R) of New Hampshire, proposed a compromise army-navy unification plan today which asserted that Congress must not be "hustled or driven toward any militaristic merger."

Bridges put forth his bill as senators hopeful of keeping selective service alive talked of a move to exempt ten age draftees from overseas occupation.

Simultaneously, members of the House Military Committee reported the War Department has asked action on universal military training legislation until next year, lest the issue become involved in the forthcoming congressional elections.

Common Defense Council

Bridges' unification plan calls for setting up a new "council of common defense" with cabinet member heads for army, navy and air. It is a substitute for the single-department proposal approved by a Senate Military sub-committee, headed by Senator Thomas (D) of Utah.

The Thomas bill generally is believed to have had approval of President Truman, although the latter has not said so specifically.

Bridges asserted in an address that it is up to Congress to find a solution. "This is not an issue for executive decision," he said. "This is an issue of endless importance for it involves the future safety and security of the nation."

Plan Considered

A possible compromise under which ten age draftees would be exempt from overseas occupation duty is under consideration by senators hopeful of retaining selective service.

Senator Knowland (R) of California, a former army officer, said he is studying the possibility of offering the ten age amendment to the draft extension bill in the belief its adoption might erase one likely point of controversy between the House and Senate. The present draft act is due to expire May 15.

The House voted a nine month extension but eliminated 18 and 19 year olds from draft liability and prohibited all inductions between May 15 and October 15. They could be resumed then only on a finding by the President that voluntary enlistments were insufficient.

"I don't think Congress can escape the responsibility for making a decision one way or the other," Knowland told a reporter. "I believe we ought to continue the draft for a year, but there is something to be said for the argument that 18 and 19 year olds don't make the kind of occupation troops we need."

He said he thought it might be possible for the army to shift older men, now serving in this country, to overseas posts and fill their places with younger inductees.

Five-Year-Old Girl Is Burned In Auto Mishap

Judy Gupton, five years old of the Coblesbury community, was in a car at condition at Maria Parham hospital in Henderson today as the result of severe burns suffered Saturday afternoon.

According to reports, Miss Gupton was riding with her father in their automobile when motor trouble developed. As he was attempting to repair the trouble, the engine backfired, blowing extra gas-line in the car. The flames lashed out, searing Judy's face and hair and her clothing.

A hospital attache said she had third degree burns.

Byrnes To Leave For Meeting Of Ministers Tuesday

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—Secretary of State James Byrnes sets out for Paris tomorrow and another try at world peace making, gravely aware by his own account of the possibilities of failure.

The secretary of state was slated to reach Paris in ample time to begin on Thursday a series of critical conferences with Foreign Ministers Molotov of Russia, Bevin of Britain, and Bidault of France.

Some of Byrnes' closest associates and advisors are talking of the meeting as a possible turning point in the history of world war two.

They suggest that actually it could mark the end of efforts by Britain, Russia and the United States to work harmoniously to set up European peace settlements and to build the United Nations into a powerful agency for maintaining the peace once it is created.

Should this happen, and Byrnes himself is reported to have indicated the possibility to a meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last Friday, it probably would result in open and unlimited creation of spheres of influence—something the United States thus far has opposed when ever possible. At so it would link America and Britain even more tightly in common cause.

MUSOLINO WANTS NAME CHANGED

Wichita, Kan.—(AP)—Rudolph Lewis Musolino, 23, wants his name changed because confusion of it with the late Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini, causes him "humiliation."

He petitioned district court to have it changed to Rudy Leu, explaining Leu was the maiden name of his mother.

Premier Of Iran Gives Program

Azerbaijan Sector Would Be Allowed To Re-Enter Regime

Tehran, April 22.—(AP)—Premier Ahmed Qavam announced today a seven-point program under which Azerbaijan province might return to the national Iranian government and said his cabinet had "decided to permit the people of the province to have their ideals realized as far as the constitution and laws of the country permit."

He said that no action would be taken against leaders of the "democratic party" in Azerbaijan, and that the party would be free to operate.

Qavam's announcement followed a report here last night that F. Ispahan, a wealthy Teheran merchant with holdings in the Azerbaijan capital of Tabriz, had gone to that city to invite provincial representatives to confer with the central government.

Qavam yesterday ordered the Iranian army on the Azerbaijan and Kurdistan borders to remain in their garrisons to avoid any possibility of trouble "because a satisfactory solution of the problem without bloodshed" was expected.

Fighting was said to have broken out between Azerbaijani forces and Zolghafari tribesmen loyal to the Teheran government.

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