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FORCED TO 'RENT' THEIR TRIPLETS



FACING AN EVICTION ORDER and unable to find any suitable accommodations, Dr. and Mrs. Van Ellis, of Shoto, Wis., have decided to try "renting out" their 4 1/2-months-old triplets, shown with them above. Seeking a good foster home, the parents state that the temporary guardianship would be effective until such time as they can find a place large enough for the tiny trio plus two sons. (International)

Lewis, Soft Coal Operators Reject Plea From UNRRA

Richmond Truck Drivers Strike, Idling Vehicles

Richmond, April 23.—(AP)—A strike by some 1,000 drivers, helpers, and warehousemen in sympathy with some 40 striking warehouse employees of the Richmond Dry Goods Co., Inc. found most of this city's motor freight transport trucks idle today.

The sympathy strike was voted yesterday by truck drivers and warehouse employees.

Agreement was reached last night, however, to move all perishable goods now in warehouses.

Union spokesmen said that the drivers and warehouse units had voted unanimously to strike until a 29 day walkout in shipping department employees at Richmond Dry Goods Co., is settled.

Relief Agency Asks Mines Be Opened To Aid Famine Centers

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Leaders of soft coal miners and operators turned a deaf ear today to UNRRA's appeal for a partial resumption of production to help speed famine relief shipments.

Fiorillo LaGuardia, UNRRA director general, directed his request to the two key figures in the current soft coal strike—Ezra Van Horn, chairman of the National Bituminous Coal conference, and John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers.

Their spokesmen announced later that neither planned to comment on the UNRRA request.

The former New York mayor proposed in letters to Van Horn and Lewis that a sufficient number of the strike bound mines be reopened in "the name of humanity" to produce 500,000 tons of coal a month for stricken foreign nations aided by UNRRA.

He said the coal was needed to run trains carrying food to inland famine centers.

UNRRA, LaGuardia, said would pay retroactively any changes in the price of coal resulting from the present dispute.

N. C. Sailor Goes Mad, Slays Nine

Asheville Seaman Shoots And Stabs Mates Aboard LST

Shanghai, April 23.—(AP)—A 19-year-old seaman killed nine shipmates and wounded a tenth in a berserk blaze of gunfire aboard an LST in the Yangtze River today. Then he stabbed himself.

The navy announced that the sailor was L. B. Smith, seaman 2 c, of Asheville, N. C.

The orgy of shooting and stabbings ended, the navy said, when Smith was disarmed by an unarmored sailor, himself mortally wounded and was floored by a metal bench welded by another sailor.

Brought to the navy hospital ship Repose, in Shanghai harbor, Smith was given a 50-50 chance to survive three deep gashes in the abdomen, inflicted by himself.

This was the way the tragedy was reconstructed by the navy:

Smith, described as a quiet introspective youth, who left the States February 21 had stood a 10 to midnight watch.

At about 3 a. m. he entered the sleeping compartment of the LST where 30 shipmates were asleep. Switching on the lights and without a word he opened fire with a gun. Seven seamen were killed outright and two others died later of their wounds. Smith pumped 20 bullets into the close quarters and, when his ammunition was exhausted, he leaped upon his victims with a knife.

Leading Stocks Take New Drop

New York, April 23.—(AP)—The stock market, with scattered exceptions, retreated to losing territory today, although never subjected to any great pressure.

Casualties during most of the morning included U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Goodyear, and International Harvester.

Byrnes Off For Meeting

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Secretary of State James Byrnes left by plane today for the Paris meeting of foreign ministers which will try to break the deadlock over European peace treaties.

He left at 12:05 p. m.

The conference opens Thursday. Asked for comment on his mission, he said he really had none but that if he were to say anything he would have to quote from the old hymn, "Stand in The Need Of Prayer."

It is known to be seriously concerned over the possibility that the talks among ministers of Russia, may fail to crack the stalemate on peace settlements.

Milan Prisoners Threaten To Kill All 25 Hostages

Milan, April 23.—(AP)—Besieged and rioting convicts in the San Vittore prison threatened today to hang all 25 hostages they have held since Sunday unless their demands for liberty are met by tomorrow.

A thousand policemen firing at windows and walls surrounded the prison and met sporadic fire from the 2,500 prisoners.

The captives cried out over a loud-speaker system:

"We may all be killed but first you will see the bodies of the hostages dangling from the highest windows of the prison."

State Fair Will Be Held, Dorton Advises Committee

Raleigh, April 23.—(AP)—The State Fair, suspended since 1941, definitely will be resumed in October, Manager J. S. Dorton told his advisory committee today.

There had been some talk that the fair would not be held because of inadequate facilities.

A.F.L. Plans Membership Campaign

Southern Drive Will Be Opened; Battle Feared

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—The A.F.L.'s entry in the race to organize Southern workers promoted governmental fears today that either CIO-AFL jurisdictional battles may lie ahead for Dixie industries.

Highly placed labor officials told reporters the two union drives—both aimed at a growing political voice for labor—are bound to collide in the pitted competition for members.

The CIO announced its plans for a southern organizing invasion some weeks ago. It picked Van Bitter of the CIO United States Steel Workers union to head the \$1,000,000 campaign.

Not to be outdone, AFL President William Green came out yesterday with a competing AFL spearhead and a goal of 1,000,000 new Southern members within a year.

In a statement, Green disclosed plans for a conference at Asheville, N. C. May 11 and 12. At that time he and other AFL leaders will lay final plans for the Southern drive.

Senate Gets Merger Bill

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Legislation calling for merger of the armed forces into a single department of defense was approved today by the Senate Military Committee.

Chairman Elbert Thomas (D) of Utah said the initial vote was 19 for reporting the bill, one against and one not voting.

He said six other senators not present would record their votes later.

Thomas said the bill reported "without change" is the one drafted by Truman and Senators Hill (D) of Alabama and Austin (R) of Vermont after months of hearings last year. It carries, he said, all the recommendations made by President Truman.

Senator Bridges (R) of New Hampshire has proposed a substitute measure to retain the present separate war and navy departments, create a new air force department and establish unity through a council of common defense.

The Thomas-Austin-Hill bill would abolish the present war and navy departments and their cabinet positions and substitute a new department of common defense, presided over by a single cabinet officer. Under him would be secretaries of army and navy and air force.

OPA Praises Newspapers

Raleigh, April 23.—"Newspapers have set a standard of public enlightenment throughout the world," Oliver Crowley, OPA Information Director, said today commenting on the 24th anniversary of newspapering in this country.

It was on April 24, 1704 that the first newspaper in the United States, the Boston News Letter, was published. Crowley pointed out, adding that from that humble beginning sprang today's extensive system of daily and weekly newspapers which keep the public informed on all vital topics.

The OPA official expressed special appreciation to the newspapers of North Carolina for their cooperation in carrying price and rent and rationing news to their readers.

"Without the full support of these newspapers, it would have been extremely difficult to keep our people so fully informed of rationing, rent and price control regulations," he said.

"Today, Tar Heel newspapers are reporting facts which show their readers the all-too-real dangers of inflation, and the disaster that would come with runaway prices," Crowley added.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy and warm tonight. Wednesday considerable cloudiness and warm with scattered showers in west and central portions.

Highway Slaughter Rate Remains High

BY LYNN NISBET. Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, April 23.—Seventy-four persons killed on the streets and highways of North Carolina in March, compared with 54 for March of last year, indicates the upward trend in traffic fatalities is accelerating rather than declining. Injured persons number 521 this year against 301 last March.

More than three fourths of the fatalities occurred outside incorporated towns. Twenty-eight of the victims were pedestrians, one a bicycle rider, while forty-five deaths resulted

Son of His Father



ANOTHER Nimitz takes over a Naval command as Commander Chester W. Nimitz Jr., son of the Chief of Naval Operations, reads his first orders to officers and men aboard the submarine the *Sarda*. He took command of the vessel at Portsmouth, N. H. Naval Base. (International)

Mussolini's Body Taken From Grave

Inquiry Started To Ascertain Who Took Duce Corpse

Milan, April 23.—(AP)—Milan municipal authorities reported today that the body of Benito Mussolini was removed during the night from Maggiore cemetery by "unknown" persons.

An inquiry to ascertain the responsibility was started. The discovery was made by workers in the cemetery to exhume other bodies.

Mussolini was buried in a group of graves soon after his execution by partisans near the Swiss border in April, 1945.

U.N. Council Will Resume Meet Today

Marine Pilot Dies In Mid-Air Crash Near Chapel Hill

New York, April 23.—(AP)—The big three in the United Nations Security Council resumed today their month long juggling over and apparently beaten Russian bid to remove the council's attention from Iran.

After a long Easter holiday the council meets at 3 p. m. EST to review and probably reject Russia's motion for immediate dismissal of the Iranian case.

Debate on the issue seemed certain to delay until tomorrow further discussion of Franco Spain.

The Spanish question was expected to find the council on general agreement on at least one point—that a full investigation should be made before a vote is taken in Poland's demand for a collective diplomatic break with Franco.

On the Iranian issue, Soviet Del. Andrei Gromyko had the announced support of only Poland and France.

Against them was an eight nation majority headed by the U. S. and Britain which favor retaining jurisdiction over the Iranian case until May 6, by which time Russia has promised a complete evacuation of Red army troops from Iran.

'46 SUPPORT PRICE FOR SPUDS HIKED

Raleigh, April 23.—(AP)—An increase of 15 cents per hundred pounds in government support prices on 146 Irish potatoes was announced today by H. A. Patton, acting state director of the production and marketing administration.

The increase lifts the price which the government will pay for Irish potatoes, FOB the shipping point, to \$2.25 per 100 pounds of U. S. No. 1 Grade.

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Kun'chuling Is Reached By Chinese

Bitter Fighting In City Expected; Reds Near Harbin

Chungking, April 23.—(AP)—The People's Daily said today the vanguard of the Government's First Army had reached Kun'chuling.

It predicted bitter fighting would follow. Eighty-thousand Communist troops are reported in that area.

The dispatch which gave no details was dated Peiping, site of the Sino-American peace headquarters and source of much news.

Kun'chuling is 40 miles south of Changchun, the Manchurian capital, recently captured by Communists. It is about 50 miles south of Szejingka, for which Government and Communists are fighting.

Red armies are fighting.

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Meanwhile, the armed thrust of Communists elsewhere in Manchuria and peace parties in Chungking moved ahead with no indications when either would reach a climax.

The Communists were reported already moving small groups into Harbin, north Manchurian industrial center. They openly threatened to occupy that city Thursday when Russian troops withdraw. Government sources conceded they could do it.

General George Marshall continued his efforts to achieve a truce and awaited reply of Chinese Communists to his demand for proof or retraction of their charge that American planes had attacked them.

CHINESE PLANE WAS OVER CITY

Chungking, April 23.—(AP)—American-made Chinese air force planes were operating over Szejingka at the time Chinese Communists claimed they had been strafed by U. S. fliers, Gen. Marshall's headquarters was informed today.

A message from the American member of the Mukden field team said that one Chinese P-51 fighter plane was missing in the operation and the pilot was wearing an American suit.

The Communist dispatch has claimed that one of the planes was shot down and the pilot found to be an American.

The officer making the report recommended that the Chinese aircraft operating from Mukden, which were plainly marked with Chinese National air force insignia.

The planes, he said, are still bearing the old U. S. air force markings, colored with paint which is easily removed.

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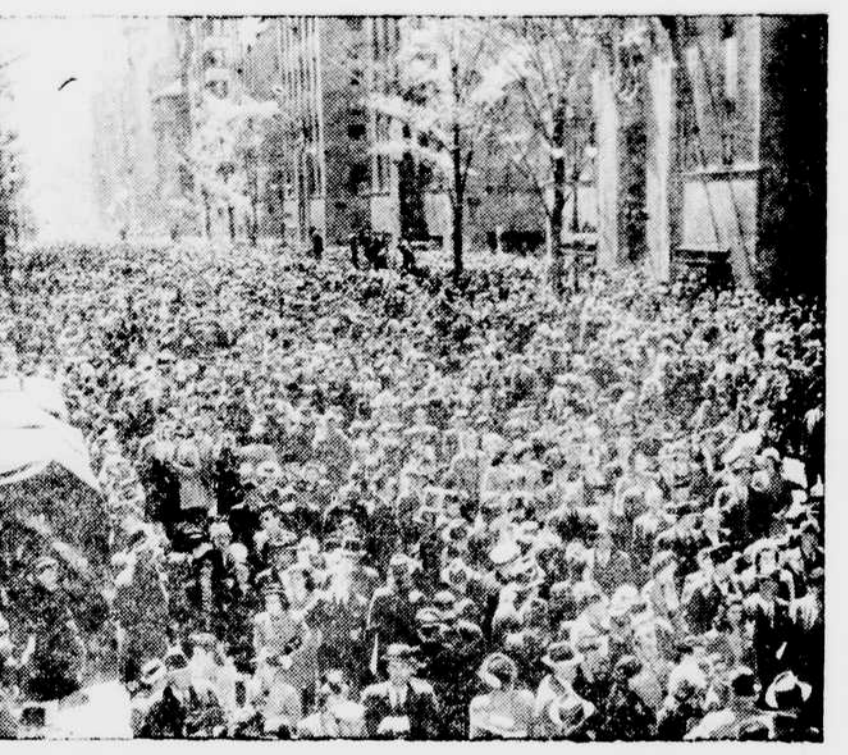
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N. Y. Easter Parade Breaks All Records



With all vehicle traffic on New York's Fifth Avenue halted by an Easter parade throng for the first time in the city's history, Manhattan and its visitors celebrated the event as never before. With the weather in accord to the tempo of a war-torn world more than a million people jammed the nation's fashion center.

Truman Might Name GOP'er To Succeed Chief Justice Stone

Hemorrhage Fatal To Great Jurist; Now Seven Members

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—The funeral for Chief Justice Harlan Stone will be held at 2 p. m. EST Thursday in the Washington Cathedral.

Burial will be made in a Washington cemetery, still to be chosen.

Other details have not been completed.

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky put atomic control legislation on the "must" list today but stood his ground against other measures that might delay a Senate showdown on the \$3,750,000,000 British loan.

Senator McMahon (D) of Connecticut told reporters that while Barkley had returned a request to lay aside the loan bill, he had given assurance that the Senate will act on the domestic control measure before Congress quitters probably in July.

But when Senator Wherry (R) of Nebraska, the Republican whip, asked Barkley whether there would be room on the schedule for action on strike control legislation similar to the House approved Case bill, he got the polite reply that Barkley hoped the Senate would give it consideration.

Most legislators think the chances of the bill's passage are remote unless the coal strike goes unsettled for a long time and a new wave of walkouts develops.

Meanwhile, proponents prodded the Senate Military Committee in an effort to get an army-navy merger measure out before the Senate but administration aides seemed to be in no hurry to take it up and Barkley did not mention it when he talked of "must" legislation such as OPA and draft extension.

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