

ARCTIC 'SPECIAL DELIVERY'



ESQUIMOS WATCH IN WONDER as a glider lands with a new motor for one of the snowmobiles used on "Exercise Muskox." A plane that towed the glider circles above. The Canadian moving force engaged in the Arctic operation is racing to beat the Spring breakup on the last lap of the 3,100-mile operation above the Arctic Circle. (International)

Johnston Comes Out For Continuing OPA

Chamber President Against Resolution Passed By Board

Atlantic City, April 30.—(AP)—Eric Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, contended today that if federal price control were wiped out in the immediate future, business would be back in the national dog house within one week — and I mean the last stall in the dog house, too.

He made this statement to a reporter shortly before he opened the 34th annual meeting of the U. S. Chamber. Approximately 2,000 businessmen from every state attended.

Johnston's position fell squarely across that of the National Association of Manufacturers which has asked the complete elimination of OPA after its present powers expire on June 30. It also indicated a divided opinion within the directorate of the national Chamber of Commerce itself.

Against Directorate.

Chamber directors voted last night to bring to the convention floor a resolution urging that the "date for the elimination of all such controls be October 31, 1946."

"It would be suicidal if price control were abolished immediately. Business men have not yet been conditioned for such a step. They must be educated to hold prices in line. The worst thing that could happen would be for prices to spiral and for us to have a period of boom and bust," Johnston asserted.

Schacht Hits Messersmith Testimony

Nuernberg, April 30.—(AP)—Hjalmer Schacht, on trial with 22 Germans as a war criminal, vigorously assailed today the statements of two American diplomats against him.

Schacht angrily attacked an affidavit by George Messersmith, now U. S. ambassador to Germany, which said the defendant repeatedly told him of Germany's plans for aggression.

He also challenged the credibility of the published diary of the late William E. Dodd, former U. S. envoy to Germany.

Before Schacht took the stand, the court on motion of Justice Robert Jackson struck from the record an assertion by Julius Streicher that U. S. soldier-guards abused and humiliated him in prison.

Testified about Messersmith, who once was minister to Austria and consul general at Berlin, Schacht told the court:

"Mr. Messersmith on the basis of two or three discussions with me, calls me cynical, proud and double-tongued. I am unfortunately not in a position to give a comprehensive characterization of Mr. Messersmith but would like to dispute his credibility."

Two Blasts Shake Ship At N. J. Pier

Vessel Unloading Ammunition At Time Of Explosion

New York, April 30.—(AP)—The third naval district headquarters announced today that two explosions occurred aboard the U. S. S. Solar, demarcated and most of the personnel had the ammunition depot at Earle, N. J., about 10:45 a. m. EST today.

The ship sank later at her pier. The first was a moderate explosion and most of the personnel had the opportunity to get clear, the navy said, but several were wounded and taken to hospitals nearby.

The second blast was described by the navy as of major violence and a lighter across the dock was demolished.

Earle, N. J., April 30.—(AP)—The Harold C. Thomas, a destroyer escort, exploded today while unloading ammunition from a pier at the Earle naval depot and the navy expressed fear that many lives would be lost or wounded.

The Navy said it had but few details on the blast which was followed by fire on the pier.

"It is very bad—just how bad we don't know yet—and we have no reports on the casualties," a naval spokesman said.

The blast occurred at 11:35 a. m. EDT and could be heard for miles around. The vibration broke windows in houses and stores in the area.

Coast guard craft were dispatched. All doctors and ambulances in the area were mobilized.

The navy said the ship tied up at the pier this morning.

Special Issues Do Fairly Well In Stock Market

New York, April 30.—(AP)—Special stocks did fairly well in today's market although many leaders continued to suffer from the lack of sound bids.

Quotations were a shade improved in most departments in the morning but slipping tendencies appeared here and there. Dealings tapered after a moderately active opening and the direction was notably obscure near the fourth hour.

Producers Told To Save Butter For U. S. Forces

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department today ordered producers to set aside 20 per cent of their output of creamery butter for sale to the army and navy.

The set aside program will be continued through June but the percentage of June's output which producers will be required to observe will be announced later.

Congress Gets Back To Business

Many Problems Face Legislators Before Vacation

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—The 79th Congress buckled down today to finish some but not all of its business.

It hopes to go home by mid-July and stay home the rest of the year.

This is election year for all members of the House and for one third of the Senate. The long vacation will give them time to campaign for re-election.

There are six main jobs which Congress will try to wind up before leaving in July:

1. The \$3,750,000,000 loan for Britain is before the Senate now. The administration wants this passed but there's a chance the House may skip final action on it.
2. The draft law ends this May 15 unless Congress extends it. The army and the administration want it continued at least until May 15, 1947 but the House has voted to end it Feb. 15, 1947.
3. The OPA. It dies automatically June 30 unless continued by Congress.
4. Atomic energy. The Senate will take first crack at passing a bill to set up a commission for controlling atomic energy in the United States.
5. Emergency housing. The House and Senate passed two different kinds of bills on housing and now have a joint committee attempting to work out their differences.

Cotton Leaders Ask Removal Of Price Controls

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—Harvey W. Moore, of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, asked today for an end to price control on cotton goods.

He estimated this would mean an increase at once of 20 per cent in price but added that greater production would bring prices back down in six to nine months.

Moore, of Concord, N. C., testified before the Senate Banking Committee which is considering legislation to continue price control one year beyond June 30.

The committee also heard from C. T. Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute that extension of OPA "is viewed with grave misgivings by a majority of the industry."

Moore extended price control on cotton textiles "has failed because it has not increased production. Actually, it has brought about a steady decrease in raw cotton consumption."

Marshall Getting Closer And Closer To Truce In China

Nanking, April 30.—(AP)—General George Marshall, special U. S. envoy to China, arrived today and new reports he was "getting closer and closer" to affecting a truce between the National Government and the Communists, now bitterly engaged in Manchuria.

The general and Mrs. Marshall flew from Chungking.

He did not meet reporters but a source close to him said negotiations on the Manchurian situation were proceeding in an optimistic "atmosphere."

General Clark Plane Is Buzzed By Soviet Craft

Vienna, April 30.—(AP)—Two Russian fighters "buzzed" the personal plane of General Mark Clark today as it was being flown from Vienna to Livno by Brig. Gen. Ralph A. Snavely, commander of the U. S. air unit.

This was the third incident involving Soviet fighters and American planes in 10 days.

Clark was not aboard his plane, a B-17 Flying Fortress.

He made his third protest against the Russian actions when he learned of today's attack.

New York Cotton

New York, April 30.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 25 cents a bale lower.

Non prices were 20 to 65 cents a bale lower, May 27.50, July 27.72, October 27.73.

	Pv. Close	Open
May	27.76	27.73
July	27.85	27.81
Oct.	27.87	27.83
Dec.	27.84	27.82
Mar.	27.99	27.85
May (1947)	27.85	27.80

DEATH PLOT AGAINST M'ARTHUR REVEALED

In 'Flivver' Flight



DIMPLED 10-months-old Anthony Whitehouse is held by his mother as they prepare to leave England by "flivver" plane for Uganda, Africa, 4,700 miles away. The tiny plane is piloted by Wing Commander F. A. Whitehouse, a veteran of the Battle of Britain. (International)

John L. Lewis And Owners Start Talks

Two Mediators Also Placed In Meeting Room

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—The government put John L. Lewis in a room with the soft coal operators today and insisted they negotiate a new contract to end the critical 30-day old mine shutdown.

Secretary of Labor Schwelvenbach also stationed two seasoned "umpires" in the room with the committee of miners and operators to make certain the discussions kept going, if at all possible.

Then he stepped out of the picture and expressed the conviction that the groundwork had been laid for continuing the talks until eventual settlement.

The two government mediators are Edward F. McGrady, one-time assistant secretary of labor and now vice president of the Radio Corporation of America and Paul W. Fuller.

Schwelvenbach and his aides were noncommittal about whether any specific proposition had been given to the operators or to Lewis. McGrady said it was "too early to tell whether any progress had been made at the first session."

Schwelvenbach, mindful of dropping coal stocks, declared to reporters that the meetings has been resumed "at the government's request — not the operators or Lewis," and he was trying to keep the negotiations going, despite the stands of the disputing parties.

RYE BREAD PRICE BOOSTED BY OPA

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—OPA today raised retail prices for most rye bread two cents for a one pound loaf. An official said housewives soon may pay more for white bread.

Bakers, the official said, are seeking an increase of a cent a pound loaf on other than rye bread. He added that some increase "looks likely."

Iran's Man In The Street Skeptical Over Negotiations

By JOSEPH GOODWIN.
Teheran, April 30.—(AP)—Iran's man in the street veiled with some skepticism today the current negotiations between Azerbaijan leaders and the Central Government for return of the province to Iran.

The average man seemed to agree with a venerable statesman and advisor to the Shah who told this reporter that a deal was made weeks ago and the talks are now being staged to camouflage a foreign voice in the actual negotiations.

Was Planned For May Day Celebrations

One Of Plotters Discloses Scheme; Reds Deny Plot

Tokyo, April 30.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur was marked for assassination May Day — tomorrow — with 10 grenades and pistols "sometime during Communist demonstrations" near his headquarters, his office disclosed today.

American officials learned of the plot through one of the participants whom Hideo Tokayama, the accused but unapprehended leader attempted to poison, said Brig. Gen. Frayne Baker, MacArthur's public relations officer.

The Japanese government officially presented its apologies at MacArthur's officers as reports of the plot — spreading like wildfire — stirred Japanese fears of harsher occupation policies.

Denies Reds Involved.

Kyuchi Tokuda, general secretary of the Communist party, quickly said the Communists were not involved and added "we have absolutely no reason to do away with General MacArthur."

Tokoyama, former thought police officer who later became a suicide pilot was known to possess grenades and pistols, Baker said. He was engaged for something in preliminary arrangements to "enlist assistance in a plot to kill MacArthur, a headquarters statement said."

"At one time in his negotiations, he attempted to kill by putting poison in his coffee (one of the plotters), because he felt this man would fail, the announcement said. "Fortunately the poison was not immediately fatal. He was taken by the Japanese police to an American hospital."

No Extra Guards.

No extra guards were visible around MacArthur's headquarters today. The announcement stated the "supreme commander of the Allied powers has again refused to permit any unusual precautions to be taken for the protection of his life."

Big labor celebrations are scheduled for Tokyo and other sections in Japan's first May Day observance in 11 years. Three hundred thousand are expected to gather in front of the imperial palace for speeches and a parade.

QUADRUPLE AMPUTEE GETS \$101,119.78

Philadelphia, April 30.—(AP)—Jimmy Wilson, 21-year-old former first class private in the army air forces who lost parts of all four limbs in the crash of an army B-24 bomber in 1944, today received a \$101,119.78 trust fund collected by the Philadelphia Inquirer through a nationwide subscription campaign.

Provisions were made for the purchase of an auto. Jimmy has learned to drive an expertly — money to go into business and funds to complete his education.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Wednesday. Scattered showers over north and west portion this afternoon and in mountains.

AS TOUGH IN PEACE AS IN WAR



PURCHASED FOR \$100 from the Rock Island, Ill., arsenal, a command tank is given a tough peacetime test by Frank Waters, Davenport, Ia., who demonstrates how stumps can be removed while you wait. In the old days, dynamiting a stump was a two-hour job. The tank rips 'em out in 15 minutes. With hundreds of them on the market, farmers have been checking on their use for pasture clearance. (International)

4-Power Aid Pact Is Drawn By Byrnes

Committee Of Council Opens Probe

Evidence Is Being Taken In Secrecy; Reds Don't Vote

New York, April 30.—(AP)—The first investigating sub-committee of the United Nations Security Council began compiling evidence in secrecy today to determine whether Franco Spain menaces world peace as charged by Poland.

As the first phase of an inquiry authorized yesterday by a resolution stating the council's "ominous moral condemnation" on the Franco regime, the sub-committee disclosed it was committed to keep certain documents confidential.

The sub-committee called first for data on Spain now in the hands of the various United Nations. This will be supplemented by other evidence including that of Spanish republicans now in exile.

The investigators did not disclose the sources of documents on Spain which are classed as to confidential to be aired in public now.

Shortly after the sub-committee was named by the council, on a ballot of 10 to 0, with Russia abstaining, the Moscow radio said a signed draft of a secret 1943 Spanish-German military protocol had been found in the German foreign ministry during the battle of Berlin more than a year ago.

Anderson Fears Drop In Return For U. S. Farmers

Atlantic City, April 30.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson said today unless there is nationwide higher productivity and full employment "the time will come when farmers must resort to restricted output to protect their prices."

"Unless people are able to buy at fair prices all the balanced production that agriculture can turn out, farmers soon will be going broke and consumers going hungry," he said in an address before the United States Chamber of Commerce.

"If we find that at present wage levels some employed families cannot buy all the farm products they ought to have, it would be a wise national decision to invest in the health of the whole population," he said, adding:

"I am thinking, of course, of special programs like the school lunch plan which has proved so successful and popular."

ANOTHER MISSOURIAN.

Washington, April 30.—The Senate yesterday confirmed Lovell C. Pinkerton, of Missouri, to be United States minister to Iraq.

Would Pledge U. S. To Keep Peace In Germany 25 Years

Paris, April 30.—(AP)—The foreign ministers conference decided to devote its entire session today to a discussion of "Peace and the Italian-Yugoslav frontier issues after receiving from U. S. Secretary of State James Byrnes a proposal for a four power mutual assistance pact to keep the peace in Germany for at least 25 years.

The ministers of Britain, Russia, France and the U. S. received copies of a boundary commission report on Venezia-Giulia, one of the most difficult problems of the conference.

No details of the report were discussed but it was believed to contain both majority and minority opinions.

New Foreign Policy.
Byrnes' proposal would pledge American military might to keep the peace in Germany for at least 25 years as part of a long term United States foreign policy.

The hitherto secret United States proposal which would continue the military forces of the U. S., Russia, Britain and France to insure a permanent German disarmament was made public by Byrnes at a press conference.

The secretary also disclosed he had drafted a similar pact to keep United States and other Allied forces on alert against a revival of militarism in Japan but declined to reveal details of his proposal.

Vandenberg Backs Byrnes.
Meanwhile, Senator Arthur Vandenberg (R) of Michigan said today that if Britain, Russia and France accepted Secretary of State Byrnes' proposal for German disarmament, he would fight to put it through the Senate.

Vandenberg is a member of the delegation which accompanied the secretary to Paris for the current foreign ministers conference.

The four power mutual assistance pact proposed by Secretary of State Byrnes in Paris was described by diplomatic officials today as designed to give responsibility for control of Germany to the nations most able to exercise it.

These officials said there was no conflict between the proposal, which has been developing at the State Department a long time, and the United Nations security system.

American peace planners have insisted all along that there are really two major problems in winding up the effect of the second world war: 1. To provide machinery to maintain peace among all nations.

2. To block any new aggression by Germany and Japan.

In respect to Germany, American officials have said for some time that one of the underlying fears of France, Britain and Russia is that the U. S. would pull out of German control arrangements in the next few years and upset the balance of political forces in Europe.

PHILIPPINES LEGISLATION.

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—Legislation designed to put the Philippines on their feet economically during the early years of their freedom was signed by President Truman today.